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I-80 expansion hits Albany with a bang

By Greg Hugonin

ALBANY—It could be a long, hot summer for those who live near the freeway.

Construction began last week on Caltrans' massive I-80/I-580 widening project, and although the end result of the project will move the freeway farther from homes in the area, residents may first have to suffer from the apparent benefit when pile driving is done during late night hours.

Although Caltrans spokesmen say late-night pile driving will hopefully be kept to a minimum, according to Caltrans and city officials there is nothing Albany can do to limit such activity. Kewitt Pacific, the company which was awarded the westbound portion of the project,

will drive as many as 1,700 steel-and-concrete piles 40-60 feet into the ground by September to improve the structure's earthquake resistance.

The tight timeline for the pile driving arises from the need to protect migratory waterfowl which feed in the mud flats adjacent to the freeway. The timeline will also be pushed along by the fact that Kewitt, which underbid the project by \$8.5 million, will receive \$10,000 per day for finishing ahead of schedule.

"There is little doubt in my mind they will try to jam as many hours of work in as they can," said Bill Ekern, Albany's community development and environmental resources director, adding that Kewitt could conceivably shave as many

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Tempers flare at El Cerrito meetings

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Development and redevelopment issues continue to spark strong and emotional reactions at El Cerrito City Council meetings. Last week's council and Redevelopment Agency meeting was no exception, though only a small number of residents attended.

Three development-related issues were discussed: extension of an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement with a developer interested in a mixed use project in the Del Norte area (including a multi-screen theater), application for a funding grant to help with site acquisition for a parking structure at El Cerrito Plaza, and circulation of a Request for Qualifications for potential developers "to carry out the revitalization" of El Cerrito Plaza.

In working with such plans, the city council has been publicly accused by a few vocal opponents of having its own development agenda. Resident Peter Loubal, an outspoken organizer of the opposition to the theater proposal, reiterated some of that same viewpoint at the May 20 meeting.

He said the agency/council had "obviously not exercised due diligence" in following up on citizens' concerns and that methods used by the council to "promote" Oewel's development project are "questionable."

He also again accused the council of "hiding" important information from the public, in this case, the "many parts" of the Environmental Impact Report that have "obviously been completed."

For the first time, Loubal also included another grassroots' organization

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EC budget under consideration

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The proposed city budget for 1996/97 has been presented to the City Council and is currently available for public review before the June budget hearings. The budget is expected to be approved (with any changes) at the council's June 17 meeting.

The proposed budget for 1996/97 is a little over \$1.1 million higher than the 1995/96 budget. Since 1993/94 the budgets rise about \$1 million annually, though actual expenditures last year underspent the budget by about \$600,000.

The "revised estimate" for spending this year is \$12,345,226; the proposed budget for next year is \$13,471,975.

The budget includes a "strategy" for a second year. The 1997/98 budget, at this point, calls for an increase of under \$400,000, for an annual budget of \$13,817,335.

El Cerrito's expenditures fall broadly into five categories: police, fire, community development, com-

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School district restores cut classes

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — After seven years of fiscal cut backs, the School Board began the jubilant task of restoring programs at the middle and high schools Tuesday night.

While there isn't enough of a budget surplus to restore all programs lost in the past seven years, board members hope to turn back the tide of lagging electives and limited curricular options.

With an approximate \$300,000 surplus in recurring funds and an additional \$300,000 in non-recurring funds, board members took early action to restore elective classes at the middle and high school next fall in an effort to "catch" students before they depart for the summer.

Programs restored Tuesday totaling \$96,000 include:

- Eighth grade elective program: Approved

- 0.8 FTE to provide a seven-period day at a cost of \$32,000 for additional electives including science;

- Middle school choral music: Approved 0.1 FTE at a cost of \$4,000;

- Elementary Music: Approved 0.2 FTE to assume cost of program instructor previously paid by Albany Music Boosters at a cost of \$8,000;

- High school music program: Approved 0.4 FTE to the instrumental music program at a cost of \$16,000.

- High School elective program: Approved 0.6 FTE to provide a six period day at the high school with increased elective offerings at a cost of \$24,000;

- Middle school technology: Approved 0.2 FTE to provide an introductory computer course for all 7th grade students at a cost of \$8,000.

Boardmember Peggy Thomsen led the charge

to revive the district's educational opportunities by putting the needs of students ahead of all others.

"I'll be the first to plunge in, especially since I have the longest history of making cuts."

"Indeed our staff is worthy of adequate compensation. When you compare it to other districts, we still have a fairly competitive salary schedule. I feel compensation has to be balanced with adding back some of the programs we lost. Some no longer exist, some are floundering and could possibly become extinct," she said.

The board, however, will hold off voting on program restoration at the elementary school level.

"I haven't done anything with the elementary programs yet because the state is throwing out all these programs. I'd rather keep aside a little money to see what we can get," Thomsen said.

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Time to smell the roses



Carol Coate of Los Gatos took time to appreciate the a scent so divine at the El Cerrito Garden Club's annual Old Roses Show and Display held recently at the El Cerrito Community Center.

Alleged trash problem unresolved after resident's arrest

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — The Alameda County District Attorney's office has decided not to pursue a case against Albany resident Dave McMahon, who was arrested at the April 30 School Board meeting for disrupting a public meeting when he dumped trash on a tarp to illustrate his repeated concern that high school students are the cause of litter (allegedly including alcohol containers) in the neighborhood.

While the criminal charge against McMahon will likely never go before a municipal judge, public outcry over the arrest continues and addressing the issue of neighborhood litter remains unresolved.

To date, *The Journal* has received more than a half dozen letters to the editor from readers who were outraged by McMahon's arrest and backed up his claim that litter is an ongoing problem in the high school neighborhood bounded by Key Route Boulevard, Wash-

ington and Brighton avenues.

Questions still remain over who made the decision to have McMahon arrested. According to School Board President Alan Riffer it was not the board or superintendent's intent that the arrest be carried out.

"I don't know why the police officer arrested him. It wasn't at the direction or request of the School Board or superintendent as far as I know," Riffer said. "Police arrest people they believe should be arrested. (Saying on the scene whether

or not he should be arrested) would be interfering with a police officer depending on how it turns out."

However, a statement made to arresting officers by Superintendent Dale Hudson includes a signed form placing McMahon under citizen's arrest.

McMahon said it was his understanding at the time of the arrest that it was the district's decision to arrest him, at which time he was booked into custody, held for sev-

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EC adopts Australian sister city

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito City Council has accepted a proposal to establish a new sister city relationship with Kingston, Australia. Kingston is the successor municipality to Chelsea, Australia, El Cerrito's sister city for over 20 years.

The relationship was first established between the city's two Rotary Clubs in 1975, the year before Verne Odlin became president of the El Cerrito Rotary. In 1978, Verne and his wife, Joyce Odlin, were the first El Cerrito residents to visit Chelsea. They have also hosted Chelsea residents who have visited the United States.

In March, the Odlins visited

Kingston. Again, they were the first El Cerritans to visit the new city. The couple presented the sister city proposal to the city council at its May 20 meeting.

According to the newsletter of the Australian Sister Cities Association, the Kingston city council "rolled out the red carpet for its 'Sister City' guests from the city of El Cerrito" with an official tour of the municipality. After they were greeted at the airport by almost a dozen residents, the Odlins were treated to a luncheon with the Kingston's commissioners (city council), flew over the city in an AusAir plane from Moorabin Airport, visited the Waves Leisure Centre and took afternoon tea at the Moorabbin Arts Centre.

Commissioner chairman Graeme Calder presented the Odlins with a plaque commemorating their visit. The couple also visited with the national secretary of the Australian Sister Cities Association, which matches up Australian cities with cities in the U.S. and in other countries around the world.

They stayed with George and Maisie Colville during their four week visit. The vacation included visits to family; Joyce Odlin has three first cousins in the area.

"The Colville's home was our home base for our entire visit," said Verne Odlin.

In 1994, the cities of Chelsea, Moorabin, Mordiallic, Springvale

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Verne and Joyce Odlin with Kingston City, Australia commissioner Frank Phillips

Letters to the Editor

It's not entertainment

Editor:
"Entertaining debate" is what your writer, Greg Huginin, labeled the April 30 Berkeley Council Meeting where the Albany CEQA/cardclub lawsuit was discussed. Over 60 angry West Berkeley residents appeared to tell their city officials what their concerns were regarding Albany's proposed casino and Mr. Huginin thinks this is entertaining?
It was reassuring to see that the Berkeley Council was not influenced by the false promises of gambling syndicate Ladbroke Racing and its paid supporters who attended the meeting. As expected, Ladbroke's CEO, John Ford, manipulated facts in his presentation to the council of what a wonderful project this will be in spite of its traffic and crime.
When Mr. Ford stated that the lawsuit only represented a group of citizens who are trying to do through litigation what they failed to do through the ballot, he failed to mention that Ladbroke spent over \$350,000 on its cardroom campaign — and won with a mere 181 votes. Local opposition only spent a total of about \$8,000 to fight the international giant. In light of the fact that voters had no information on the project — other than promises of no tax increases — it was a campaign that was over before it began.

Albany's City Attorney, Robert Zweben, has said this will cause bad blood between the cities. Has he thought that perhaps it was Albany that caused the discord when it ignored Berkeley and its residents in rushing this project illegally to the voters?
In violation of state CEQA laws, local ordinances, and just plain good government policy, Mr. Zweben drafted and promoted a zoning change, development agreement, and approval process that precluded Berkeley's (and Albany's, for that matter) residents involvement. Conveniently, he forgot that West Berkeley provides the main access to Ladbroke's proposed mega-casino, 24 hours a day, every day of the year.
The City of Berkeley should be commended for unanimously ignoring Ladbroke's and the City of Albany's overtures to negotiate rather than litigate. Berkeley understood that one can't negotiate on pure speculation. And pure speculation is all residents have without a meaningful Environmental Impact Report. A report conducted now, after the development agreement has been approved, is worthless.

Peter Frankel
Oakland

A bad lesson for everyone

Editor:
I am really getting upset about all the litter on Key Route. We have been here for five years and this is the worst ever for litter from the high school students. I know it is them because I have seen them throw their garbage, cigarettes and bottles on people lawns, in the gutters, streets, and on the high school grounds (even next to the garbage can instead of in it).
Why isn't the school, city and parents doing something about this? No one seems to care. I have seen Mr. McMahon picking up the litter. I can't believe the school board had him arrested for trying to show them what kind of garbage the kids are using. This is very upsetting. It's almost as if the board doesn't care what happens.
Also, this is a terrible thing to be teaching our younger children. I think the board should listen to people and not just walk out when things don't go their way. I am really upset.
The city street cleaner is a joke, because there are so many cars parked on the street at all times and the city doesn't let us know when they are coming and there are no signs posted (like Berkeley). Also, when the cleaner does come, it goes down the middle of the street and that only throws the garbage in the gutters and then the drains get clogged.
Albany is falling apart. It is not the nice, clean city it was five years ago.

Sharon Swearengin
Albany

Don't throw it away

Editor:
During our recent major garbage pickup I noticed many recyclables among the items left out for the garbage truck. Although usable items are

often recycled by passers-by, the cardboard, scrap metal, glass, and other paper just go into the landfill.
Do you know about our wonderful El Cerrito Recycling Center? They have bins for magazines, glass, some plastic, wine bottles, phone books, cardboard, newspaper, miscellaneous paper, tin, aluminum wrap and pie pans, aluminum cans, used motor oil, and batteries. There is also a bin for scrap aluminum items, such as lawn chairs and screen doors, as well as one for scrap metal, such as pipe and old fencing.
The center is a lively place. Children come with their parents and help sort and toss items into the proper bins. And you can usually pick up compost there for free.
So, before our next big garbage pickup day — or any day — take a few minutes to bring all those recyclables to the center. (Or place them appropriately for our weekly curbside pickup.) They will contribute to the center's success and reduce the volume of garbage going to the landfill.
The center's hard-working, ecologically committed staff really deserve our support. The center is located at the hill end of Schmidt in El Cerrito.

Mrs. T. Heimberg
El Cerrito

Valuable service

Editor:
As the director of HAUSMUSIK, I would like to thank you for the good and consistent coverage you have given our concert series at St. Alban's Church in Albany. Thanks to photos and detailed program information, we have drawn excellent audiences, and people have really enjoyed the concerts.
HAUSMUSIK will be offering its tenth anniversary season of early music at St. Alban's in the fall, with six concerts ranging from medieval and Celtic music to a fully-staged mini-baroque opera. Readers who want to receive our season brochure, which will come out in August, should write to: HAUSMUSIK, 1060 Solano Ave., # 517, Albany 94706.
Please continue the good work. You are providing an invaluable service to the community by publicizing local artistic and musical events.

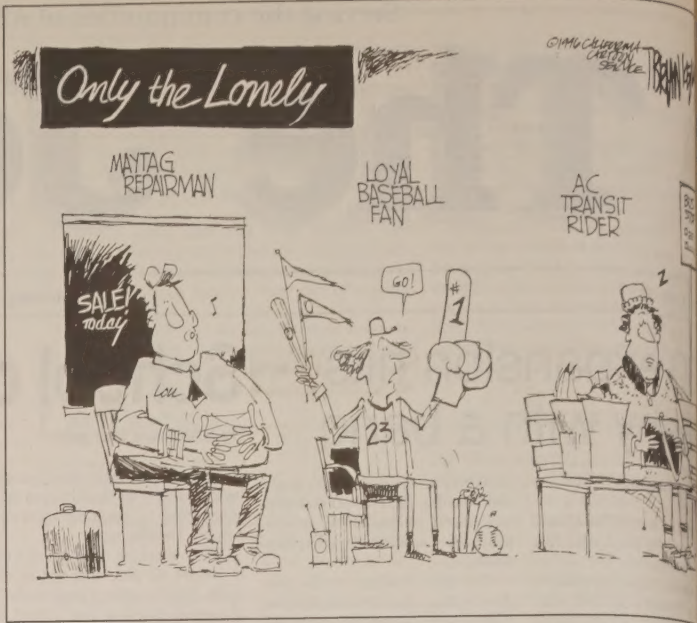
Eileen Haddian
Albany

Appalling arrest

Editor:
We were really appalled at the article in a recent *Journal* regarding "Resident Arrested at School Board Meeting." We thought we are living in America, where everyone has the freedom of speech. This refers to the Albany School Board.
Not having been at the meeting, we do not know the details but it would appear that Mr. McMahon had had it and this was his only way he could get his case heard. It also appears that he had a good one, bringing examples of litter and dumping them on to a tarp, to illustrate his frustration and the fact he wasn't making up his story.
He may have been overly excitable, but would you want this "collection of trash" in your yard or neighborhood? It would seem to us that the Board of Education may have lost their "cool" and also set a bad example.
Instead of calling the police, why didn't they act in a sympathetic frame and listen to the man's appeal and try to give some understanding to the problem? What the Board did merely shows approval of what the trash-makers did. Is this the kind of community we want to live in and the way we want problems to be resolved?
The final paragraph of the article stated, "The District will look into the matter and bring information back to the Board as soon as possible." Why wasn't this done on the original complaint and a letter sent to Mr. McMahon, letting him know someone was taking his complaint seriously?
Now is the time to publicly apologize to him for treating him so unethically and to publicly let the trash-makers know this kind of conduct will not be tolerated.

Carroll Harrison
El Cerrito

Phyllis Lyon is on vacation, she and her column will return soon.



Police Reports

Police catch suspects in attempted burglary

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 9 p.m. on May 20 neighbors of a residence on the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard noticed lights on in a house that should have been unoccupied and called police. When officers arrived three people in the house fled towards the back door where other officers were waiting and arrested them. Officers found that the interior had been prowled and items had been packed up, ready to take. The thieves were a 15-year-old girl from Richmond and two transient men ages 19 and 20.
Between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on May 20 thieves stole a 1983 Camaro which was parked on the 700 block of Masonic Avenue. There were no witnesses.
It was found in Oakland on the afternoon of May 21. There was no one in custody and the owner was notified.
On the evening of May 20 a 9-year-old Albany boy was riding his skateboard on the 600 block of Kains Avenue when he fell and his skateboard rolled toward another youth who grabbed it and fled the area. Police are investigating.
At about 1 a.m. on May 21 vandals broke into the basement at Albany High School and departed without taking anything. Police speculate that the vandal was scared of by the audible alarm.

On the afternoon of May 22 a thief stole a backpack from the break room of a business on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway, removed a wallet from it and hid the backpack in a restroom before departing unseen.
On the night of May 22 Albany officers responded to reports of two people going through dumpsters and looking around the bike racks at UC Village. They contacted a 25-year-old transient man and a 27-year-old El Sobrante man, both of whom had outstanding warrants from Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties. They were arrested.
On the night of May 22 a 25-year-old Richmond man was arrested as he was leaving the Safeway store on Solano Avenue with several packs of cigarettes he had not paid for. He was caught by security and held for Albany police.
At about noon on May 25 a resident of the 400 block of Cornell Avenue was standing on her porch when she saw her 1984 Buick Century traveling north on Cornell Avenue towards El Cerrito Plaza. She noticed that the left rear window had been broken out but was unable to identify the driver. She quickly checked the parking space where her car should have been, found it gone and called Albany police.
On the night of May 25 her car was found in Oakland. It had not been damaged and Oakland po-

lice had a suspect in custody. The owner was notified.
Shortly after midnight on May 26 Albany officers located a Pacific boat and trailer on the block of Pierce Street which had been reported as stolen from a key on May 25. The 1990 pickup which was originally attached to the trailer was not found. The boat and trailer were removed from the scene and the owner was notified.
During the early hours of May 26 vandals broke the windows of five different cars parked on the 600 block of Kane Avenue and one car on 700 block of Key Route Boulevard. There were no witnesses.
Thieves stole a 1984 Cherokee which was parked in a parking garage on the 500 block of Pierce Street between 7 p.m. and 1:35 p.m. on May 25. There were no witnesses.
El Cerrito police located a Jeep on the morning of May 25. The license plate was missing. Otherwise the vehicle was undamaged. They had a suspect in custody and the owner was notified.
During the week of May 25 Albany officers fingerprinted eight people at their request. Four cars, responded to 11 alarms, attended to five deceased animals, assisted people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to one report of a barking dog.

Subway shop robbed at gunpoint in El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Subway was robbed at about 9:18 p.m. May 19. A man ordered a sandwich, then pulled out a black semi-automatic weapon and demanded cash. He is described as a black male, 5-feet 9-inches tall, about 170 pounds, wearing a multicolored towel on his head and a blue sweater.
A Richmond youth and an El Cerrito youth were arrested for hitting and pushing a boy from his bike, then stealing it. The incident occurred at Waldo and Lexington at about 11:45 a.m. May 18.
Two men "dropped off" two Oakland women at Cutting and San Pablo at 5:10 May 13, then fled with a purse and a phone belonging to the women. The men were unidentified.
An El Cerrito man is accused of taking a bike from a boy at Cougar Field at 5:30 p.m. May 12.
A Richmond woman said one woman held her down and another took her pager, stereo and sandwich in the 5800 block of Madison at about 6:45 p.m. May 13.
A Richmond male juvenile was arrested for possession of a loaded, concealed weapon at Stockton and Albemarle at 1:30 p.m. May 20.
A Richmond man was arrested on Macdonald between San Pablo Avenue and 44th Street, Richmond, for using a vehicle to evade police officers.
Six arrests were made for drunk driving: a Richmond man on San Pablo Avenue (between Hill and Cypress) 11:58 p.m. May 7, an Alameda man on San Pablo Avenue (between Cutting and

Alameda) at 1:13 a.m. May 19, an Oakland man at San Pablo and Moeser at 1:29 a.m. May 19, a Napa man at Carlson and El Colorado at 10:08 p.m. May 16, an Albany woman on San Pablo Avenue between Conlon and Central at 12:45 a.m. May 20, and an El Cerrito man on San Pablo between Eastshore and Potrero at 2:12 a.m. May 22.
A CD player, cash and miscellaneous items were taken from a home in the 2000 block of Key Boulevard during the daytime May 17; a spare key was used.
Someone prowled a vehicle in the driveway, then entered and prowled the garage and vehicle inside in the 5800 block of Charles during the night of May 12.
A home was entered in the 1400 block of Atwell Road during the daytime May 11; no loss was reported.
Someone forced open a garage door in the 800 block of Arlington and conducted a neat prowling between May 15 and 16. A bike was taken from a garage in the 1500 block of Liberty Street during the morning of May 19. A washing machine and sewing machine were taken from a garage in the 5300 block of Cypress Avenue between April 24 and May 20.
A bonsai tree was taken from a rear yard in the 7400 block of Cutting between May 14 and 15.
A check left in a Lincoln Avenue mailbox May 2 (7200 block) was later returned with all the information on it changed.
Two El Cerrito juveniles were arrested for taking jumper cables from an unlocked vehicle at Safeway at 6:50 a.m. May 7.

Six auto burglaries were reported. Cellular phones were stolen from vehicles parked in the 5300 block of Pointstear during the night of May 19. A 2600 Montia Vista Avenue between May 15 and 17, and 8400 block of Buckingham during the night of May 16. A stereo was also stolen from the same block of Buckingham night.
A tool box was taken from a camper shell in the 1400 block of Richmond between May 15 and 16. A battery charge was stolen from Wall and San Pablo on the evening of May 26.
Stakes of a city tree were vandalized at Ashbury and Reka May 17.
Someone threw a rock through a living room window in the block of Arlington during the morning hours May 20.
Two tires were slashed on the 5800 block of El Dorado between May 18 and 19.
A window was broken in the 5500 block of Cypress Avenue the afternoon or evening of May 19.
A vehicle hood was stolen at El Cerrito Plaza on the morning of May 19.
A Richmond woman suspected of spraypainting a vehicle of a Portola resident (block) at about 5 p.m. May 19.
Shoplifters were arrested: Target (a Vallejo woman), Richmond women, two Richmond men and a Richmond juvenile (male), FoodsCo (a Richmond woman), Big 5 Sporting Goods (Richmond man), and Luby's Cerrito Plaza (an El Cerrito man).
A ring was turned in to the police and found.

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Chalk it up!

Marin School is holding a first-ever "chalk happening," a fund-raising event to benefit their fine arts program. On June 1 folks are invited to come to Marin School to create a "work of art" in chalk. Ten dollars will buy a cement square for the day and a box of 24 chalk pastels. The chalk is yours to keep! Come anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Call Marin School at 559-6520 to reserve your square.

Newsline

Carnival time

EL CERRITO—Fairmont School is having its annual carnival on Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the school grounds, located behind the El Cerrito Galleria Center at 724 Kearney St. and Stockton Avenue. Features include games, barbecue, raffle and car wash.

Celebrating cultures

EL CERRITO — Portola Middle School, located at 1021 Navellier St. in El Cerrito, will host its second annual Multicultural Celebration on May 31, beginning at 10 a.m..

This year's theme, "Different Backgrounds, Common Dreams," will honor the diversity of Portola students through

art work, music, food, dance and poetry. Visiting students from Kennedy and El Cerrito high schools will share in the celebration with poetry readings, step routines and Native American dance.

Speakers from the community, local businesses, the school district and the San Francisco grass-roots organization TURF will discuss the importance of valuing diversity and what it will take to survive in the year 2000.

Noted educator Lovonya DeJean of the West Contra Costa Unified School District will discuss her recent trip to South Africa and her observations of the education system there.

The May 31 event will include a talent show featuring Portola students. For more information call 524-0405.

Albany police arrest high school vandal

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—Police made an arrest last week in connection with a series of graffiti vandalism at Albany High School and the Veteran's Building at nearby Memorial Park.

Neil David Raffanelli, 18, was arrested at the Albany police station after being brought in on an unrelated charge of trespassing on school grounds. According to Bill Palmi, Albany's acting police chief, Raffanelli was interrogated and confessed to three separate counts of vandalism on the properties.

The incidents occurred in late April when Raffanelli, and possibly others, allegedly defaced the

Memorial Building and high school in two separate incidents, making lewd references to teachers and administrators at the school and using the tag name "Repo."

The first incident occurred on April 20, when the vandal or vandals hit the exterior of the high school and Memorial Building during the night with silver and blue spray paint. The incidents escalated four nights later, when vandals once again defaced the exterior of the two buildings and then broke into the school gymnasium and vandalized the floor of the basketball court and the boys and girls locker rooms, before departing and vandalizing cars in the surrounding neighborhood.

Although Albany police had previously staked out the site and had an idea who was responsible for the vandalism, no arrests were made until Raffanelli was brought into the station.

Palmi seemed confident that the right suspect had been apprehended, citing Raffanelli's confession and his admitted purchase of the same color silver paint used in the incidents to touch up his bicycle. Palmi said he hoped Raffanelli's sentence would at minimum include probation and restitution for damages to the two properties.

According to Ray Barker, Albany's head of maintenance and Engineering, the price tag for the

incidents is \$546, not including damage to the school's gym.

"When the school got hit, it got hit pretty good," said Bill Jones, Albany's director of recreation and community services. "It takes a lot of time and limited resources from the city and the school district to deal with this."

Better lighting has since been installed at the school to help prevent such incidents from occurring in the future, Barker said. The graffiti-damaged property, which also included benches and the tennis courts at Memorial Park as well as the backstop for the baseball field, have since either been painted over or cleaned off using pressure washing techniques.

Portola students earn top scores, receive honors

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth will honor hundreds of students from throughout the state of California for their outstanding verbal and/or mathematical abilities. The stu-

dents' talents were discovered in CTY's annual Talent Searches, conducted by Hopkins.

Fifth- and sixth-grade students who scored at or above the verbal or quantitative mean scores of

eighth- and ninth-grade students, respectively, on the PLUS Academic Abilities Assessment will receive certificates of merit and special awards.

Portola Magnet School sev-

enth-graders Nassira D. Nicola and Abraham I. Kim were local top scorers. More than 57,000 students from 19 states and the District of Columbia participated in CTY's 1996 Talent Searches.

Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

Budget considerations continue

Last week's special School Board hearing on the budget drew more speakers than one meeting could accommodate, so the board scheduled another special budget hearing on June 4.

The board will also be able to vote on items that evening, which they didn't do on May 21.

Albany Teachers' Association President Susan Charlip spoke in favor of a raise for teachers. She argued that "teachers have subsidized programs" in this district long enough.

Other speakers, however, urged restoration of curriculum as a priority for this year's budget.

Peter Hobart, the new president of Music Boosters, pointed out that while Boosters provided money to pay for part of a staff position last year, it cannot and should not be expected to do so in the future. "We can provide non-staff support to the district. But the district must budget for staff, if the program is to be healthy."

Calling Albany's present music program "substandard in comparison with other districts," he asked the board to restore elementary school chorus for all grades, Middle School chorus, and a general music course for AMS students not taking band. He also asked that high school band return to the day schedule, and that AHS offer two skill levels of chorus and a general music course.

By restoring these classes our district could rebuild continuity in the music program, which used to provide a substantial pre-professional training but now is in danger of dying at the High School.

Another speaker said that journalism, too, is in need of resuscitation at the High School. AHS has had no official student newspaper for several years, although an independent group of students has put out issues under the title of "Breaking the Silence." ATA President Susan Charlip, who teaches English at the High School, offered a brief

history of what was once an award-winning journalism program, available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Albany High students thus trained could and sometimes did go on to careers in journalism, she said.

Drama, too, was mentioned as a necessary but currently unfunded AHS program. And at the Middle School, students need another elective period so that the much-desired full-year science option can be available to everyone who wants it.

School Board members asked a number of questions regarding the staffing of such programs, and asked the principals of AMS and AHS about student interest and scheduling.

PTA Council representative Ellen Fisse read a statement from the council urging restoration of instructional time for these and other classes. The council has also drawn up a list of ideas for rearranging the present curriculum to better serve students, without necessarily spending more money. Among these, for example, is to cut back P.E. at the middle school to the state requirement, thus freeing one or two days a week for classes in

computer science or the arts.

The special hearing on June 4 will give the School Board another chance to listen to suggestions from the community on how our money can best be spent.

If you have a child in the Albany schools, you should have received a copy of the PTA Council Handbook last November. In it, we list school board members and their home phone numbers. The board relies on advice from the district and the community for their decisions about the budget. You may call board members at their home numbers or leave a message at the district office, 559-6614.

Meetings This Week

Vista-MacGregor PTA meets at Vista tonight, May 30, at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 4, the Board of Education holds a special budget hearing at Cornell Multi-Use Room, 7:30 p.m.

AMS will present its Spring Concert on June 6 at 7 p.m. in the AMS gym.

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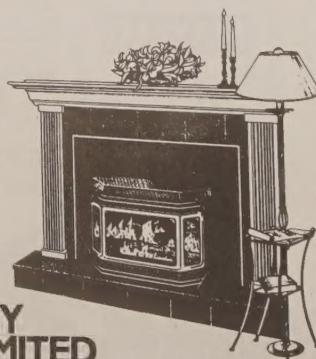
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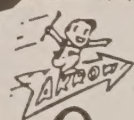
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And the first "Thing to Come" is the annual giant Book Sale to be held by the Friends of the Albany Library on Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16.

This year the Friends will be using not only the big hall of the Community Center (which is part of the Library/Community Center building), but also several rooms there, in addition to the Edith Stone room of the library and even the library entrance (rear) patio.

This will give you, our friends, room to browse, look, and find all the treasures we have for you.

We always look forward to the "Big Sale" and know many of you do, too. So put it on your calendars and don't miss it.

We often write about NIAD (National Institute of Arts and Disabilities) and their activities. This one is a new exhibit of artists who use humor in their work. What a great idea.

Guest artists will be Roy DeForest, Matt Kelley, Joe Sam, Louise Stanley, Richard Shaw and William Wiley.

NIAD artists include Brennan Clark, Metrius Ehglin, James Ham, Rosita Pardo, James Chilton and Billie White.

The exhibition will be held in the Florence Ludins-Katz Memorial Gallery at NIAD, 551 23rd St., in Richmond. A reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. on June 20, with music by the Dire Makers and Circle of Friends.

The National Institute of Arts

and Disabilities (NIAD) is an art center for adults with developmental disabilities.

Sounds like a fun and fascinating exhibition. Don't miss it.

For more information, call the curator, Suzanne Lacke, at 620-0290.

Ujima, formerly Tri-County Women's Recovery Service, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary of combating substance abuse in disadvantaged pregnant and parenting women, children and families in Contra Costa County. They are also celebrating the honor they received from the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. The board gave them the "People Who Make a Difference" Award.

Ujima also announced the new program — looks like a fine one — called "Kids Group" for children whose parents are addicted to alcohol and other drugs.

"To commemorate our work we are asking our community friends to help us meet our campaign goal of \$5,000." For the great work this organization does, that seems a modest amount.

Want to know more about them, or make a contribution? Call them at 238-3139, or fax them at 238-3200.

I have received my very first e-mail message from a reader. Of course, I am only one of many to whom Glen Price has e-mailed

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



this message, but because it is my first I must use it, mustn't I?

The message is about a projected 20-year class reunion of the El Cerrito High School class of 1976, to be held at the Mira Vista Country Club on Aug. 24.

The object of the early notice is to invite volunteers to help plan and organize the event. For further information, or to volunteer, call 524-5225.

Other "coming events" have to do with CASR, the Court Appointed Special Representatives Program of Contra Costa County.

The goal of CASR is to prevent abused and neglected children/adolescents from becoming lost in the Juvenile Court system.

The objective of matching a CASR volunteer, a trained advocate from the community, is to ensure that the child's best interest is represented.

In their excellent newsletter "CASR Connection" they talk about the experiences of one volunteer with Billy, with whom the

volunteer has bonded and is making a lasting impression on the child's life.

They also talk of their coming events: the seventh Annual CASR Classic Golf Tournament to be held Aug. 2 at Diablo Creek Golf Course. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m., with a barbecue immediately following.

And later, on Sept. 6, you are invited to join them at the home of Margaret Leshner, who has generously allowed them to use her estate, for a dining extravaganza of culinary delights.

CASR also has a unique program for corporations, inviting them to become a partner for children. Air Liquide was a partner for children in 1995, and has re-committed for 1996.

For more information on any or all of these items, call the CASR office at 256-7284.

And I will be away for a while, but will see you soon with a whole fresh outlook and a new group of Community Folk to tell you about.

POETRY

Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

Sunshine, you shine very pretty. I like the sun and I like when you shine.

Sometimes I think I am holding you and you slip down my hands. Sunny is my favorite weather.

Rita Wong, second grade MacGregor Primary School. When I see the rain I think it flutters like a butterfly.

Basha Hackett-Armstrong, second grade MacGregor Primary School.

TONGUELESS Words flowed but flow no more. Like a dammed dried river. Blood drips in your mouth with no tongue to taste the drops.

Alicia MacGregor High School.

Event to promote healthy living

ALBANY—Do you measure your worth by the shape of your body? Are our cultural standards for thinness giving you an eating problem? Judy Lightstone will present her slide show and workshop "Women, Food, and Beauty" at the Albany Community Center on Marin Avenue on Sunday, June 9, from 4 to 6 p.m.

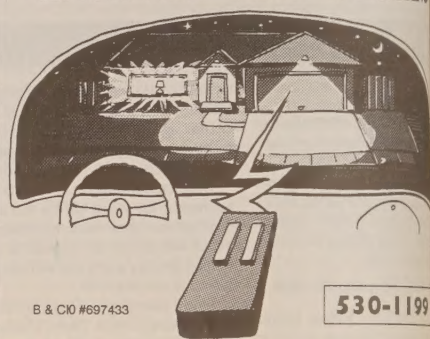
She will present the anti-diet approach to overcoming compulsive eating that she learned at the Women's Therapy Centre Institute

in New York from the author of books like *Fat is a Feminist* and *Eating Problems: A Family Psychoanalytic Treatment Manual*.

Lightstone is a licensed marriage and family therapist who has been leading compulsive eating groups for women since 1984, training other therapists in the same since 1989.

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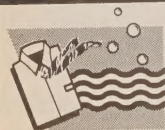
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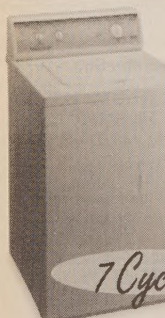
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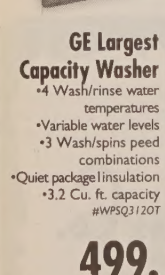


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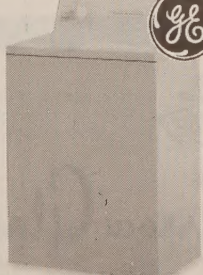


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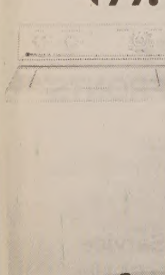
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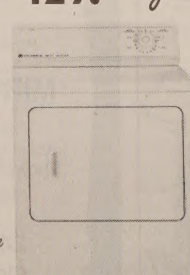
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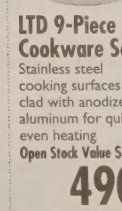
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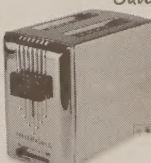
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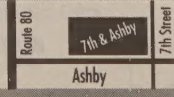
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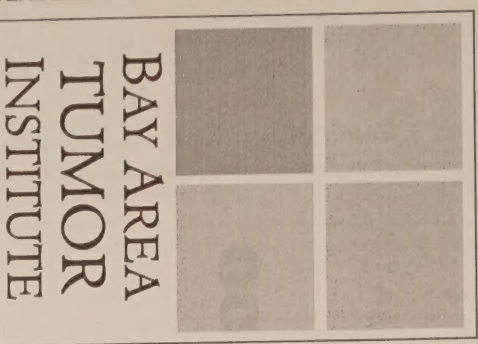
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6. Phone Day() _____ Evening() _____

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8. Does/Did your mother have breast cancer? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Unknown

9. Does/Did your daughter(s) have breast cancer? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Unknown

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10a. If yes, how many sisters? _____ Yes _____ No _____

11. Have you ever had a breast biopsy? _____ Yes _____ No _____

11a. If yes, how many? _____ # of times

11b. If yes, what was the diagnosis? Check all that apply _____

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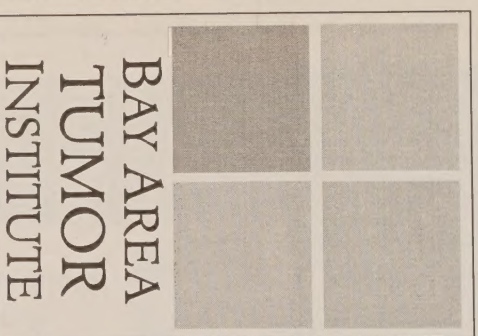
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Trial pending in Albany murder

by Greg Hugunin

OAKLAND—The man accused of the broad daylight shooting of a North Richmond man in Albany was held to answer during his preliminary trial and will now face murder charges in Superior Court. Marvin Earl Crosby, 27, also of North Richmond, is accused of the shooting death of 39-year-old Denny James Hobson on the 400 block of Washington Avenue at 5:19 p.m. Crosby, who was arrested Jan. 10, pled not guilty to the charge in late January and will now be the subject of a full-blown jury trial this summer.

The shooting was the result of a dispute between Crosby and a friend

of Hobson's earlier that day in which Crosby reportedly accused the friend of stealing his pickup truck, Acting Police Chief Bill Palmi said.

According to Palmi, Hobson and his friend were driving Hobson's truck south along Cleveland Avenue later that day when they turned onto Washington Avenue out of fear they were being followed by a dark blue Chevy Caprice. Crosby then allegedly pulled alongside the truck and shot Hobson once through the chest with a 9 mm automatic pistol before fleeing the scene.

The truck then rolled backward until Hobson's friend pulled the emergency brake. Hobson's five-month-old puppy, which has since been adopted, was also in the cab.

The case will rely on the friend's identification of Crosby and on a bullet casing found at the scene of the crime. According to Palmi, the friend was somewhat reluctant to testify after Crosby's attorney requested his address so they could question him during the pre-trial hearing.

Albany police did not wish to

give up the friend's address, however, fearing that it might put his life in danger. They offered to make him available for questioning at the police station or another neutral site. The friend, who lived in North Richmond at the time of the shooting, has since moved.

Also in evidence is a bullet casing found at the scene of the crime which matches two bullet casings found in Crosby's back yard. Crime lab tests found that the three casings were all fired from the same gun, Palmi said. At the defense's request, the casings were analyzed by a second crime lab with similar results.

Although a loaded 9 mm automatic pistol was found between the seats of Crosby's car when he was arrested, it was not the gun which was used in the shooting. The actual murder weapon was never found.

Palmi said Albany residents should not be overly concerned about the shooting, saying it was a crime "which should have happened in Richmond." He also said Crosby never spoke with Hobson. "I think the witness was the intended victim," Palmi said.

Final high school play set

ALBANY — The Albany High School Theatre Ensemble presents its final play of the season, "Play It Again Sam" by Woody Allen. It is the tale of a nerotic recent divorcee struggling through single life. Set in New York in the 1970's. Directed by Katie Mohney.

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Headaches—They're Not All In Your Head

by Randall Starkey, MD

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But it's important to know when a headache does indicate something more serious. A headache by itself is generally harmless, but you need to let your doctor know when you have a headache that is accompanied by other symptoms such as weakness, or changes in your vision. Headaches with these other symptoms may indicate more serious health problems.

No one knows exactly what causes headaches, or why some people get them and others don't. But we do know that there are two broad categories of headaches — tension headaches and vascular headaches, including the migraine. It's sometimes hard to tell the difference between these types of headaches, and actually, most headaches are probably a result of both tension and vascular changes.

Tension headaches usually are a dull steady pain in the forehead, temples, or back of the neck. The muscles in the back of the neck may feel tight and tender, and there might be a feeling of tightness in the scalp. As the name suggests, these headaches often come on as a result of stress.

The pain from a migraine can be intense, and often involves only one side of the head. In fact, the word "migraine" comes from a Greek word meaning "half a skull." These headaches sometimes are preceded by vision changes including flashing lights, zigzag patterns of light, blind spots, and

increased sensitivity to lights or sounds. Sometimes, these headaches also are accompanied by nausea or vomiting. Oddly enough, while tension headaches can result from stress or tension, the true migraine headache is rarely the result of such causes. In fact, migraines are often called "weekend headaches" because they may be more likely to come on when you relax.

There's much you can do to prevent headaches of any type or to relieve them when they occur. Keeping a diary in which you record such things as your foods and drinks, sleep habits, on-the-job stress, and so on, can help you identify causes for your headaches so you know what to avoid. Aspirin, hot baths, or a warm cloth on the back of the neck may help relieve tension headaches, and there are a number of effective drugs now available that help prevent or relieve migraines. It's very important to use any headache medications properly, whether a prescription drug or something you buy over the counter. The "rebound" headache is a common headache that results when medications are overused, causing pain that can be worse than the pain the drugs were meant to relieve.

Join us for a free seminar, "Headaches—They're Not All In Your Head," through Summit Health Access. **WHO:** Randall Starkey, MD, Chief of Neurology, Summit Medical Center. **WHEN:** Thursday, June 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon. **WHERE:** The Health Education Center, 400 Hawthorne Ave., Oakland. If you'd like more information about the lecture, and for reservations, please call Summit Health Access at (510) 869-6737.

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As Chair of the Redevelopment Agency, Mayor Kosel has asked me to write this week's article on the subject of redevelopment in El Cerrito. Readers will know that we have seen some major positive developments over the past few months. I would like to identify the key events and what they may hold for our future.

First, we have seen some positive actions regarding El Cerrito Plaza. The city organized a citizens' planning effort to develop recommendations for a strategic plan or concept plan for the El Cerrito Plaza and the area surrounding it between the BART tracks and San Pablo Avenue and from the Albany border to Central Avenue.

On June 3, the Redevelopment Agency will hear from Bruce Race, the facilitator for the planning work, who will present the results of the workshops. With the recommendations from this planning effort, the agency can adopt a concept plan to be used to assist developers in understanding what we hope to see take shape out at the Plaza and area around it, which we call the South Gateway Development Area.

At the same time, which seemed to be very fortuitous, a developer named Pentz has apparently purchased an option for the Emporium store and its half of the parking lot at the Plaza. He has written us to request that we enter into an agreement with him to develop the Plaza.

On virtually the same day that we received Pentz's letter asking to enter into such an agreement, the Plaza's other owner, Milton Bilak, also requested that we work with him. In addition, I have

received some information from other developers who are now showing an interest in the Plaza property. We will ask all of these developers to come to the June 3 meeting to hear about our concept plan.

In response to these requests, the agency has set out a schedule for developers to provide us with their ideas about the redevelopment of the Plaza area. We may well get a number of proposals from which to choose one, if we wish. It has been a long time since we had such developer interest in the Plaza. Perhaps this time we will be on the road to a major redevelopment of the Plaza.

Also at the south end of town, we have seen the creation of a music center along San Pablo Avenue near El Cerrito Lighting. Readers may have noticed the change in the old fabric store brought about by the Guitar Center. This center along with Down Home Records and one other music store have turned that area of San Pablo into a major musical area of the East Bay. Perhaps some one could be enticed to open up a music-cafe in that same area.

At the north end of town, the Pacific Development Group is moving forward with its plans for the redevelopment of the area around FoodsCo. This development promises to bring in much-needed sales tax revenue to help offset what we have lost with the closure of the Emporium store.

El Cerrito Redevelopment Report

By Norman La Force, Redevelopment agency chair



Walgreens and Pep Boys will be two of the tenants.

West of the Del Norte BART station at San Pablo Avenue, it appears that we may finally begin the environmental analysis of the proposed theater/mixed-use proposal. The developer has made a major design change as to the location of the proposed theater. This change was originally proposed by residents who have formed a group known as Sustainable El Cerrito.

We have also obtained the agreement of the developer to provide us with key information and agreements that are necessary for evaluating any sized project for the area.

All this activity has stretched our limited staff resources to the maximum. We only have one planner and are still in the process of hiring a Redevelopment Director to take the place of Gerry Raycraft, who took over as the Community Services Manager when Pat O'Keefe left. This lack of additional staff is due to the fact that we had to cut our budget over the past four years.

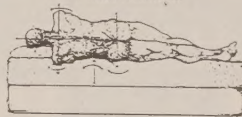
With this much redevelopment activity in the city, we may wish to consider increasing staff resources if we can find the revenues to do so. In the meantime, despite the fact that Emporium closed, I am cautiously optimistic that we may see some new and exciting commercial activity in the city.

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Goings on About Town

Events, meetings, classes...

El Cerrito Community Center is sponsoring a workshop on how to avoid dishonest mechanics June 1, 10 a.m.-noon. \$20. Also sponsored by the El Cerrito community center, Bridge Class June 1-7 July 6. Pre-registration required. \$30. 7007 Mooser Ln. 233-5401.

Festival of Fun will take place this Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Black Pine Circle Elementary School 2016 7th St. Berkeley. Children \$3, adults \$5. 486-1006.

Berkeley Writers Club will honor the winners of the club's Fifth Grade Story Contest this Saturday at El Torito Restaurant, Jack London Square, Oakland. \$12.50 members, \$14.50 non-members, 11 a.m.-noon. For reservations call 237-8497.

Ecology Center continues its gardening class series with "Year-Round Gardening in the East Bay" this Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 2530 San Pablo. \$5. 548-2220.

Easy Going hosts June 2, 1:30-4:30: "Ocean View" an architectural walking tour by Mark Wilson author of *A Living Legacy*, \$10, call 273-9383 for registration; June 4, 7:30 p.m. Judith Gifford author of *The Packing Book: Secrets of a Carry-on Traveler* shows how to pack; June 5, 7:30 p.m. Denise Lorton-Moullespeaks on "A Week in Bordeaux," a tour she will lead in France. Free 1835 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-3533.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center: May 30, 11 a.m.: The Mermaids; Judy Barker and Mari Scott sing and play world folk songs. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

City Commons Club hosts David Satterwhite who will speak about "Reconciliation and Peace in the Korean Peninsula: Tensions and Hopes," Friday May 31, Berkeley City Club. For information or reservations call 848-3533 or 845-4725.

Mac users: Berkeley Macintosh Users Group (the world's largest) offers free Mac classes to the public Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m. Call 549-2684.

Albany Pool walk-in registration for summer swimming lessons has begun. 904 Talbot. Call 559-6648 for information on pool programs.

Contra Costa Hills Club: June 2: Hike the Steep Ravine Trail to Stinson Beach. 658-3281.

Pacific Film Archive presents Ingmar Bergman Films: May 30: *Dreams*, 7 p.m.; *Summer Interlude*, 8:40 p.m.; June 6: *A Lesson in Love*, 7 p.m.; *Smiles of a Summer Night*, 8:50, 2625 Durant Ave. 642-1412.

REI: Pre-register for REI Indoor Climbing School, classes begin June 3 \$40 members \$70 non-members; June 6: Dan Braun speaks about Hiking the John Muir trail, 7 p.m., free. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

Raelian Association of the Bay Area is sponsoring a free lecture and open forum to discuss a third, strictly scientific theory on the origins of life, June 4, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Berkeley South Branch Library 1901 South Russell St. (415) 863-5173.

"Healthy Pregnancy and Birth" one of a series of prenatal lectures, is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. at Alta Bates, Ashby Campus. 204-1334.

International Folkdance Classes are beginning May 31. Classes meet Fridays from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Albany YMCA 921 Kains, 53, 547-6355 or 769-9759.

Berkeley Hiking Club: June 2: Deer Park Loop, 9 1/2 miles (525-3979); mini-hike: Back and Donner Canyons, 4 miles (531-2853).

Spiral Gardens, an all-volunteer urban gardening collective, offers a free educational forum on Native Plants with Louise Lacey on Saturday, 2 to 4 p.m. Call 549-9159 for details.

Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club is holding an open house this Saturday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at 2270 Acton St. The club is open daily 9:30-3:30 except Monday and Thursday. Free instruction is available each Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m.-noon 841-2174.

North Berkeley Senior Center. May 30: Video movie: *Laurel and Hardy - Sons of the Desert*; May 31: Video opera: *Rigoletto*; June 3: "Telling the Truth about Yourself" with Lollie Levine, 10:30 a.m.; the health committee meets 10 a.m.; June 4: Exercise to Music with Vawter, 10 a.m.; June 5: Shared Neck Rubs, 10:30 a.m.; Birthday Party for June Birthdays 1:15 p.m.; June 6: Travel Video: *India*, 1:15 p.m.; June 7: Diabetes Support Group, 1 p.m.; Malcolm X School Jazz Band, 12:45 p.m.; Opera Video: *The King and I*, 1 p.m., 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107.

YWCA offers classes in Flamenco, Salsa, Ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, Bellydance Yoga, Karate and aerobics, starting in June. Drop in fee, \$6.50-\$8.50. 2600 Bancroft Way Berkeley, 848-6370.

Pancake Breakfast June 2, presented by Friends of Albany Seniors 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$4 adults, \$2 children 10 and under, free for children 3 and under. 846 Masonic, Albany 524-9122.

Cody's: June 5: Jane Mead author of *The Lord and the General* Din of the World and Lucia Perillo author of *The Body Mummies* at 7:30 p.m. \$2, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

Vietnam Country: Faces of the Future, slide show presented by Kim Anh Tran at the Berkeley Public Library, South Branch 1901 South Russell St., June 2, 2 p.m.-3 p.m. 644-6860.

"Awakening the Unconscious at Peoples Park" an experimental conflict resolution workshop by Jungian psychiatrist Arthur Coleman, June 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and June 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Marks Episcopal Church 2300 Bancroft Way, 548-0551.

Performances

Ashkenaz: Tonight: Bayou Pon Pon; May 31: Record release party for Shabang; June 1: Pandemonium and Samba du Coracao; June 2: Tap Show and Jam; Flamenco open Stage; June 4: The Helenics; June 5: Frog Legs; June 6:

The Howlers; June 7: Calabash and Jungular Grooves; June 8: Queen Ida. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 525-5054.

Berkeley Art Center presents its annual performance series, May 31-June 1: *Warning Water is Polluted*, 7:30 p.m.; June 7: Amanda Poets, Will Power, 8 p.m.; June 8: Fantasy, Martiniano, Cliff Hengst, 8 p.m., \$10, \$8 1275 Walnut St. Berkeley.

Maybeck Recital Hall presents Julian White playing Piano June 2, at 4 p.m. 1537 Euclid Ave. Berkeley, 848-3228.

Freight and Salvage: June 1: Holly Tannen plus Ruth Barrett and Cynthia Smith; June 2: John Gorka, Lucy Kaplansky, June 3: John Renbourn; June 6: Leon Rosselson; June 7: Freight's 28th anniversary show; June 8: Carol McComb and Keith Little. Doors open 7:30 1111 Addison St. Berkeley, 548-1761.

Berkeley High Performing Arts Department presents the annual Dance Projects, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Florence Schwimley Little Theater. \$3.

Berkeley Rep presents *Hurricane! Mauvais Temps* beginning June 8. Previews will be May 31, June 1, June 2, and June 4. For schedule and ticket information call 845-4700.

Trinity Chamber Concerts presents Sextets of Beethoven (op.81b) and *Mozart's Musical Joke* this Saturday at 8 p.m. \$7, \$4 2320 Dana St., Berkeley.

La Pena presents Savina, Womens Folk Choir, June 1 at 8 p.m., \$12; on June 7: Leon Rosselson in concert at 8 p.m., \$10, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 849-2568.

Berkeley Festival and Exhibition: June 1: *L'aldimiro*, 7 p.m.; June 2: Christophe Rousset; Magnificat, The Whole Noyse and the Chamber Chorus of the University of California, Berkeley, 7 p.m.; June 3: Camber Chorus of the University of California, Berkeley, noon, *L'aldimiro* 7 p.m.; June 4: Collegium Musicum Baroque Orchestra with Les Menus Plaisirs, 2 p.m.; Las Talens Lyrics; 8:30 p.m.; June 5: Kuijken Brothers Recital, 5 p.m.; The Kings Noyse, 8:30 p.m.; June 6: Matthew Dirst,

12 noon; The Festival Consort, 12 noon; Sex Chordae Consort of Viols 5 p.m.; Kuijken Brothers Quartet, 8:30 p.m.; The Women's Chorus of Sequentia, 8:30 p.m. For location and ticket information call 642-9988.

The Kensington Symphony presents Opera Night this Sunday at 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Church, One Lawson Rd, Kensington, \$8.56.

Classical Music this Sunday at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Loper Chapel on Dana and Durant, Berkeley \$20. For tickets call 528-1725.

Sacred and Profane Chamber Chorus will perform Jewish A Cappella Music this Saturday, 8 p.m. at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. Berkeley, \$14-\$9, 524-3611.

Pusaka Sunda presents West Javanese gamelan dengan music, dance and vocals, Sunday at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., 3 p.m., \$8-\$4, 526-1112.

Fifteenth Annual Malcolm X Jazz Festival is this Monday at Kimball's East. The show begins at 7 p.m. Performers include Faye Carol and Kito Gamble.

Speakeasy Theatre presents Grace Walcott in *Redress: Cowgirl of the Open Plains* through June 1. \$12, 845-4100.

Black Repertory Group presents the *Bubbling Brown Sugar*, a musical review based on the golden years of Harlem. "Soul-revitalizing, soul-riveting sounds" include songs like "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Ain't Misbehavin'," "God Bless the Child," and more. Tickets are \$3 to \$10. TThru June 2, 3201 Adeline, Berkeley. Call 652-2120.

Starry Plough: Tonight: White Trash Debutantes, Karen Rifle and the Karen Treatises, Poorly Players and Erik Core; May 31: 510 Events and KALX present The Troublemakers, The Ravens, The Scheme. Open electric blues jam Sundays at 8:30 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-1424.

Yoshi's - Abdullah Ibrahim Trio, through May 26: Rent Romus's International Jazz Explosion, May 27; Berkeley High Jazz Ensemble featuring Ed Kelly, May 28. Shirley Horn Trio opens May 29. 6030 Claremont, Oakland.

652-9200.

Religious Activities

Buddhist Philosophy - Sunday, June 2: "Impermanence, A Key Buddhist Teaching" with Ralph McFall. 6 p.m. Free. Nyingma Institute. Call 843-6812 for more information.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church - Sunday, June 2: Pastor Jim Stickney will preach: "The Trinity of Grace, Love and Communion." Monthly Potluck Breakfast held at 9 a.m., with collection of nonperishable food items for local food pantries. 1501 Washington Ave., 525-1716.

Templebar: June 1: Sam Almira, "Te Uj Api O Tahiti E," 9:30 p.m.; June 2: Aloha Sunday open Mic, 3:30 p.m.

Tibetan Chanting 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Every Sunday through July 28 at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place Berkeley, 843-6812, Free.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists - June 2: Children of the Fellowship will present the Flower Communion Service at 10:30 a.m. 1924 Cedar, 841-4824.

Exhibits

Berkeley Art Center - Oil and Tempera Paintings by artist Janna Salska and photographs by Howard Barkan will be on display June 6 at 7 p.m., 1275 Walnut St. 548-7424.

Lawrence Hall of Science - "Invention Adventure," includes some of the world's biggest Lego toys, through June 2, Centennial Dr. 642-5132.

"The Modern Day Artifact," primitive fired vessels and sculpture by Rod Fitiausi, is the current show at Albany Arts Gallery, 1251 Solano Ave. Through June 16. 525-9558.

Master of Fine Arts students display their work through June 23 at the University Art Museum, 2625 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 642-4889.

Richmond Art Studio Open House includes studio tours, demonstrations, docent-led gallery tours and mini classes for adults and children. Civic Center Plaza, 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. June 2. 620-6772.

Art at Zia - Mary Ann Hayden's paintings will be shown through June 9. 1310 Tenth St., Berkeley. 528-2377.

Berkeley High students show their photographs in a student-curated exhibit at the Berkeley Store Gallery, 2230 Shattuck Ave. Through June 2.

"A glimpse of Brazil - visoes do Brasil," a photo exhibit by Susan Saiwah Louie, is on display at Cafe Vox Populi at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, through June 2.

Fantasy and fairytale quilts by Alexandra Von Burg are featured in "Once Upon A Time?," an exhibit at New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Through June 6. 527-6779.

Magnes Museum - "This Year in Jerusalem: The Passionate Pilgrimage," celebrates 50 rare and beautiful objects from that city through July 14. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

"Seascape Escapes from Bali to Bodega Bay," acrylic paintings of Tom Siporin, are showing at Borders Coffee House Gallery, 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville.

Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies welcomes artists Joan Alexander, Glenn Johnson and Gail Shafarman through June 14. 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291.

Support groups, self-help **Diabetes Support Group** meets June 4 and June 18, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. at Alta Bates Medical Center 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley Conference Room 1. 204-1523.

Catholic Divorced, Widowed and Separated will meet the second and fourth Thursdays monthly at St. John the Baptist community center, 650 Gladys Ave., El Cerrito, 527-2148.

North Berkeley Senior Center support groups include: low vision, first and third Wednesdays, 1 p.m.; Alzheimer's, first Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m.; women's group, every Monday, 1:30 p.m.; caregiver support, first and third Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.; depression support, second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.; women's group, Mondays at 1:30 p.m.; family mental health, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; chronic illness, Wednesdays, 1 p.m.; blood pressure,

fourth Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; insurance counseling, Wednesdays, call for diabetics support group meeting. Hearst.

Take of the pounds! Top Sensibly (TOPS) meets 9 a.m. Monday at Albany Unitarian Church, 980 Stannage, Albany at 528-9056 or Karen at 525-5513, 464-8583 (TDD).

Emergency Services **Easy Does It** Emergency Program offers low fee attendants, minor wheelchair emergency wheelchair transportation to medical facilities within the city of Berkeley. For more information 5513, 464-8583 (TDD).

Alzheimer's and related Monday Enrichment Program by the Claremont Center and fellowship: St. John the Baptist 2727 College Ave., Berkeley.

Public speaking comes to Berkeley. Toastmasters, 2515 Hillebrand Berkeley, Wednesday, 6:30-7:45.

Conscious Connections singles who value personal growth. Second and fourth p.m. 6333 Telegraph, Berkeley. 2605.

Emotions Anonymous p.m.: Northbrae Community The Alameda (Near Solano) and the Claremont Center.

The Grief Care Center week bereavement support loss through death or any New members always 5549 or 540-0830.

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business for herself for 10 years, Virginia Cambour, E.A., decided to start her own business, Tax and Bookkeeping Services, after having worked for previous employers where she not only taking care of clients but also handling the business funds, books and overall management. She discovered she had a special talent for organizing and detail, which is something she especially enjoys.

Cambour began bookkeeping as an independent bookkeeper and was immediately drawn to the area of financial taxes. She took the basic courses that led to becoming a licensed tax preparer and immediately realized she needed to continue studies to become an enrolled agent. Cambour is authorized by the Treasury to represent taxpayers before the IRS.

Today Cambour does income tax auditing, assisting people with financial changes, income tax preparation of all kinds, bookkeeping and more. She is a small business consultant, representing clients before authorities, including audits and tax problems, which is her favorite work.

According to Cambour, she enjoys the "in's and out's" of dealing with the IRS and Franchise Tax Board. With this experience, Cambour knows how the various systems work to one's best advantage. Complying with the Treasury Department's requirements of continuing education for enrolled agents, she finds this fascinating because of changes in tax laws.

She is the mother of two adult children, Kimon and daughter, Thalia, an economics major senior at UC-Davis who owns the Bike Store, a bicycle shop run by the campus associate.

In her spare time Cambour paints and speaks of recently giving a show at the Rendezvous on Solano Avenue. Her love of music includes opera, Irish, jazz, blues, rock and roll, and rhythm blues. A travel book on Ireland is making with plans to complete.

Cambour's business address is 851 Santa Ave.; phone 524-7739.

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast

The Friends of Albany Seniors will take the family to the Seniors Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests will be served delicious pancakes, hot off the griddle, country sausage, fruit juice and coffee. Tickets are available at the Senior Center and the Albany Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 10, and free to children three years old and under.

Albany Clean-Up Day, June 1

Small furniture, lamps, toasters, twin mattresses, are a few items that may be collected by Waste Management Saturday. Other waste should be boxed or bagged and all items must be placed on the parking strip tomorrow night, away from automobiles, for Saturday's pickup. Nothing inflammable will be collected.

For large household appliances, phone 613-8710, the Appliance Recycling Center of America, to make an appointment for pickup. There is a fee based on the item to be discarded.

Items to be recycled are refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, washers, dryers, stoves, microwave ovens, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, trash compactors, garbage disposals, dishwashers, furnaces, water heaters and water coolers. No televisions or vacuum cleaners will be accepted.

For commercial service, phone 613-8700 to get schedules and fees. All must schedule a convenient pickup day with the customer service representative.

New Business and Information Directory

The new Albany Chamber of Commerce Business and Information Directory will be published for an early summer delivery. Businesses who wish to place an advertisement in the directory should contact the Chamber of Commerce soon, as space is limited. This directory is mailed to every home in Albany and hand-delivered to each storefront business.

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



New move-ins also are given a copy.

Chamber staff is seeking photographs of interesting sites to place in the directory, especially old photographs. If residents have such photographs for the Chamber to borrow, it is certain they will have the photograph returned to their possession. For information or to reserve space for an advertisement reservation, phone the Chamber at 525-1771. The directory is published every three or four years.

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Albanians gather for affirmative action

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Challenges to equal opportunities brought about 100 people to an Affirmative Action Forum last week sponsored by Albany Families for Multicultural Education.

The Wednesday event featured a panel discussion focusing on the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) set for the November ballot, which would amend the state constitution so that the state "shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting."

Panelists, including UC Berkeley professors, community organizers and union representatives, set out to defend gains made under affirmative action programs and rallied against the initiative, including a specific clause which, they contend, would further allow employers to discrimination.

The clause states; "Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as prohibiting bona fide qualifications based on sex which are reasonably necessary in the normal operation of public employment, public education or public contracting."

Speakers at the forum included Barbara Christian, a professor of African-American Studies at UC Berkeley who has also served on the school's admission committee, Lillian Galedo, Executive Director of Filipinos for Affirmative Action; Vicky Hamlin, a laborer and union representative with the County of Alameda; Carlos Muñoz, Jr., professor of Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley and Paul Rockwell, the founder of Angry White Guys for Affirmative Action.

Muñoz fired the first shot at the CCRI during the panel presentations, likening the effort by conservative forces to "neo-apartheid."

"It behooves us to learn what the facts are as opposed to the rhetoric of those behind CCRI who are trying to divide us based on race and gender," he said, calling the initiative an unwarranted attack on affirmative action programs.

"Affirmative action has not resulted in any fundamental change

in our society. The gains made have been modest. Affirmative action has not changed reality for people of color who continue to be underrepresented in jobs," he said, charging that the initiative does not address issues, like corporate downsizing, job scarcity and the relocation of factories overseas, to create a better economic and educational future for all citizens, regardless of race or gender.

Christian, speaking largely in defense of affirmative action in relation to college admissions, said she was impressed with the Albany gathering.

"This is a fine example of democracy at work. We need more of them," she said, adding that she started at UC Berkeley 1971 before affirmative action programs existed.

"I'm a pioneer in black women's literature. That field did not exist before people like myself came in and began the work," she said, going on to defend UC admission policies and refute the idea that affirmative action results in the admission of unqualified students.

"All students admitted to the university are eligible and qualified. In the last 12 years standards have been raised five times. This is not done by throwing a piece of paper in the air and saying you are going to come because you are black and you are going to come because you are a woman," she said.

If anything, Rockwell and Hamlin both later noted, the initiative is more a response to the higher standards imposed by affirmative action efforts whereby access to standards for public employment and education have increased and hiring based on family connections or arbitrary decision making is minimized.

Gallido said instead attention should be focused on the initiative's authors.

"We should talk more about the context of this attack. This is an election year. We need to discuss what our real problems are and that rests with our economy and the gap between the rich and poor," she said, adding that raising the minimum wage, holding corporations responsible for job loss and considering the use of four-day work weeks as fodder for the future.

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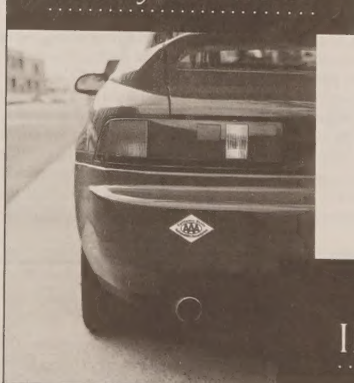
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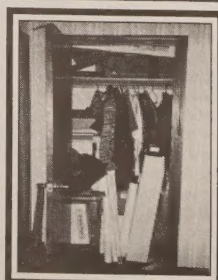
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Spring is Closet Clean-out Time



Overloaded, unusable closet

The main reason we Californians don't wear coats and hats, is that we have no place to put them! Just kidding, it's California's better weather that allows us to go without

those heavy over coats prevalently seen in Maine in January.

But all kidding aside, we Californians are notorious for filling up our closets with everything under the sun, leaving no room for the light weight coats we do need. Here's an excellent solution to the overloaded closet syndrome: take all that sports gear, boxes of Christmas decorations, tools, books, out of season (or out of style) clothes, miscellaneous stuff and those shoe boxes of old checks... to a storage unit. Since Spring is the time to get in motion

and do things, it is also the best time to clean out all the closets at once, and keep only what you presently need in them.

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■ Martin Snapp

Bye Bye Birdies: I've been having this weird feeling for the last few weeks, and suddenly it hit me: Springtime just isn't the same without the Leonard J. Waxdeck Birdcalling Contest.

It's hard to believe that I need to explain, because it wasn't too many years ago that the birdcalling contest was the hottest ticket in town. Every year, the auditorium at Piedmont High would be packed to the rafters with students, parents, alumni and news media. And every year, Waxdeck would begin the proceedings with his favorite running gag: announcing that this would be absolutely, positively the very last contest.

Alas, two years ago he was only too right. A few months later, he suddenly died. They gamely tried to carry on without him last year, but this year interest seems to have petered out. The Leonard J. Waxdeck Birdcalling Contest belongs to history.

But his sounds go on. Len's other grand passion was bragging about his kids — and he always had a lot to brag about.

Now comes word that his son Brett, a concert pianist, just won second place in the 16th Bartok-Kabalevsky International Piano Competition. Since then, he's gotten rave reviews for his all-Beethoven concert at Carnegie Hall, and he'll give a series of concerts locally when he returns to the Bay Area at the end of the summer.

Not to be outdone, Len's second son, Joel, has produced a grandson (named Leonard, of course) whose cries and gurgles more than fill the air this spring.

Says Len's wife, Jean: "Even though he isn't here in person to run the festivities on the Piedmont stage, hopefully he is directing more than just birdcalls from his new post."

Sweets To The Sweet: Thinking of tying the knot? Get the wedding cake from Montclair Baking. Chef Cheryl Lew just won second place in the prestigious Domain Carneros Wedding Cake Competition which is held only once every other year.

Her confection — chocolate-hazelnut with mocha buttercream and creme fraiche on the inside, with a frosting of sugar-paste roses, gardenias, sweetpeas and orange blossoms on the outside — beat out more than 700 rivals.

And congrats to BMUG (short for the Berkeley Macintosh Users Group), which just won Computer Currents Magazine's "Best Local BBS" Award. This is a reader's choice award, with more than 8,000 people participating in the balloting. I've said it before but I'll say it again: If you own a Mac, you're nuts if you don't join BMUG.

Meanwhile, here's my entertainment tip for the weekend: Run, do not walk, to the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco on Saturday to catch Big Bang Beat. This mammoth, 12-piece orchestra does old-time rock 'n' roll the way it ought to be done.

Kudos to all involved, but only a mash note could contain my admiration for singer Keta Bill. She's that rarity of rarities: a white singer who can cover an Aretha tune without embarrassing herself.

Check her (and the band) out. You won't be sorry.

Never Again: Remember Hannah Arendt's phrase "the banality of evil"?

What she meant was that people who do bad things don't always look like stereotypical villains. Sometimes they're as nice as the person next door.

Case in point: This letter I received a few weeks ago, right after the Oscars. As you'll see, it starts off as sweet as can be. (How can I knock anyone who says such nice things about kitty cats?) But it soon turns into something quite different.

It's unsigned, of course, so I'll just have to answer it in this column:

Martin Snapp,

Have just gotten around to reading the 3/28 Berkeley Voice and your column. Enjoy the latter, but miss your kitty and hope you adopt another soon. So many out there need you and will become as special as Eliza, in time.

Enjoy your Academy Award comments, except why oh why must Jews continue to whine endlessly about their Holocaust? The diatribe on the Academy Awards was entirely inappropriate and unwarranted. Don't you Jews realize this endless whining has turned me and so many others off all Jewish causes?

Many other ethnic groups and religions have experienced similar campaigns. But they don't whine and insist on cramming all that awful Holocaust stuff down everyone's gullet in movies, PBS programs and every possible occasion, including the Academy awards.

Can't people like you understand the hate of Jews all this is creating? Why can't you Jews just get on with your lives like everyone else?

Well, whoever you are, here's my answer: The reason people like me can't forget is because we can't trust people like you to remember.

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Budget

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beginning a discussion on whether the district might be able to lower elementary class size as a result.

But while district officials hold their collective breath to see what the state legislature approves, Cornell Principal Craig Boyan offered a warning.

"I'm wondering if there is a way we can take as close a look at this as we can. I wouldn't want to hold off on restoring programs and just let it float off. We could be left with nothing next fall. I'm looking at feasibility," he said, noting a particular need for the restoration of a reading specialist.

Also at the elementary level the district has received numerous requests for restoration in the ESL program. Superintendent Dale Hudson also noted a need to address shortages in classified staff at school sites and the district office.

The board will continue the restoration process, along with general budget considerations, at its June 11 meeting. A public hearing and budget adoption is scheduled for June 25.

Parents pitch programs

The process began in earnest at last week's special board meeting, where more than 25 parents, teachers and administrators gathered to make a pitch for dozens of restored and new programs to benefit students.

On the wish list were increased funding for music programs at the high school and middle school, an additional period of elective class time at the middle school, increased instructional time district-wide, lower class sizes, teacher salary increases and restored journalism and drama courses at the high school.

Representatives from both the PTA and Music Boosters made strong pleas for increased funding for band, choir and instrumental music program district-wide.

In particular, the Music Boosters have requested increased funding for high school, middle school and elementary band programs, which have lately been supported out of parents' pockets.

"This is a very sorry situation. It illustrates that the responsibility of having adequate staff is not being met by our current budget and is substandard in comparison to other districts," said Peter Hobart, referring to the fact that this year's elementary school concert was made possible by parents who hired an instructor to fill the unbudgeted position.

"The community would raise money to enhance programs. But we can't enhance programs if there is no program to enhance," he said.

In addition, the Boosters would like to see the restoration of elementary and middle school chorus programs, general music, the inclusion of high school band and jazz band during the regular school day and

a second choir course to provide for "novice" and advanced levels.

PTA spokesperson Ellen Fisse said her group would also like to see the restoration of journalism and drama at the high school, the addition of a seventh period for 8th graders, the addition of "at least one more library," an elementary arts program, a seventh period for 7th graders and increased length of instruction at the middle and high school levels.

"There was great concern expressed that without the addition of these key (items) there will be a continued flight of students from this district," she said.

Albany Teachers Association President Susan Charlif

made a repeated request for increased teacher salaries and cost of living adjustments. Because of the district hasn't dipped into program funds that we've been able to maintain an excellent program," she said.

Board President Alan Riffer took exception to the comment.

"The list of program reductions since I've been on the board is a long and painful list. I don't think it's appropriate to minimize program reductions that have taken over the last seven years and the effect it has had on children in this community," he said.

The district is working, in part, from a long list of requests from parents and staff, as well as recently received recommendations from the district's Budget Study Committee, comprised of teachers, staff and parents, to suggest spending priorities.

The board reviewed an analysis of those recommendations submitted by district staff at the May 22 meeting. The analysis addresses specific problems and options raised by the committee and listed associated possible solutions. The average cost per .2 FTE (full time equivalent position at classroom level) is \$1,000.

• **Classified employees work overtime or uncompensated time to complete work expected.**
The committee listed six options to address the problem: hire more people, delete tasks to be done, lower employee salaries, pay overtime and improve systems.

Staff says the county is in the process of a "desk audit" of district office fiscal/personnel functions and will recommend improvements. Classified personnel in other areas will be instructed not to work uncompensated overtime. The cost of adding additional personnel is \$30,000 to \$35,000 per FTE.

• **Not all students have access to a full day of school/Course offerings at AHS/AMS not meeting needs of all students.**

The committee listed 14 recommendations to address the above reflecting a myriad of ideas ranging from offering to redesign instructional methods.

Staff divided its analysis between the high school and middle school. At the high school, the analysis noted that cutsbacks have "resulted in lost opportunities for nontraditional college bound students" and that "all students do not have sufficient access to courses in the areas of performing arts, industrial arts, vocational preparation and other preparatory courses. A projected .6 FTE is needed in 1996-97 to provide a six period day for all students."

At the middle school, staff reports that an additional .4 FTE would have been required in the 1995-96 school year to accommodate the number of students requesting a full year of science. Ten students requested drama and did not get it. It requires a 1.6 FTE per grade to provide a year long science program in the seventh and eighth grade.

• **A lack of inadequate pay for employees degrades moral.**

Eleven options were listed by the committee including settlement of negotiations before spending priorities are set. The staff analysis seemed to speak against increasing salaries at this time, noting that "what is adequate pay is a matter of interpretation." The analysis reports that Albany has the fourth highest average salary and benefits in the county in the number of days teacher must work (out of 15 districts) and that the average salary per teacher work day is \$1,000. The cost for a 1 percent salary increase is \$75,000 for teachers and \$108,000 for all district employees.

• **Increasing numbers of students are not performing at grade level, particularly at the skill acquisition phase.**
Eleven options were offered including lowered class sizes, increased parent involvement, development of enrichment activities to enhance reading and math skills in a non-classroom setting.

Staff recognizes that the .6 FTE reduction in the Miller/Unruh reading program resulted in fewer students meeting the skill acquisition phase. "The 'borderline' student is no longer receiving as much extra support and is at risk of falling behind in grade level reading performance." The district has applied for matching funds from the state but doesn't anticipate receiving funding.

The report also notes that facilities requirements for the reduction in class size is significant in that each school at or above capacity. It would cost \$190,000 to reduce the average class size district-wide by one student for each school and benefits needed. The cost of adding required classrooms as well as materials, aides and custodians is estimated at \$1,000 per student.

Freeway

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as 150 days off the construction timeline, thus earning an extra \$1.5 million. Kewitt will eventually work seven days a week on the project until it is completed.

Caltrans must provide notice of when late-night pile driving will occur both to the city and to neighbors of the construction, Ekern said, although both will be powerless to stop such activity. Residents can also expect significant traffic noise from rerouted automobiles as the freeway will at times be completely closed on late night to facilitate construction. The city will, however, have some say as to when and how such closures occur, Ekern said.

And, to top it all off, the whole process will begin again next year when an entirely new structure is built for the eastbound portion of the freeway.

Although some test pile driving has already occurred, the majority of the work will be done in the next few months as multiple pile drivers are brought out to the site. A pile driver is a large crane-like machine which pounds steel-and-concrete columns into the earth with a repetitive, piston-like motion. According to one Caltrans surveyor at the site last Friday, the noise from such a machine is loud enough to hurt the ears of those standing nearby.

As a whole, the project will be completed sometime in 1999 and will include drastic changes to the existing freeway system in Albany. A high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane will be added to both directions of the freeway, and the configuration of the I-80/I-580 trans-

fer will be altered so that traffic merges to the right instead of to the left. An entirely new platform will be built for the eastbound portion of I-80, which will be moved 150 feet closer to the shoreline, and the Pierce Street onramp and offramp will eventually be closed.

Also involved are construction of a portion of the Bay Trail along the shoreline and restoration of Codornices Creek south of Buchanan Street, both of which will be done in 1999 as the project nears completion.

The project as a whole will cost \$63.5 million, not including the bonus Kewitt will receive for completely construction early.

Freeway widening questioned

The philosophy behind the freeway-widening project was attacked last week by Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky in his biweekly column in *The Journal*. According to Brodsky's column, the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, which oversees planning of transit-related projects, has failed to address the freeway congestion problem by building more lanes instead of encouraging urban infill housing, which would reduce the need for long automobile commutes by bringing people closer to the areas in which they work.

"During the time (the CMA) has been in existence, congestion has gotten much, much worse," Brodsky said. "The reason is that the CMA is unwilling to understand that the root of the problem is in the way development is allowed/encouraged to take place. Their

solution to congestion is to build more lanes to attack the real problem by discouraging sprawl and encouraging urban infill."

Dennis Fay, executive director of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, disputed some of Brodsky's assertions, saying the exception of one stretch of I-80, freeway congestion has actually decreased since the CMA was founded in 1991.

According to Greg Bayol of the County Information Office, vehicle hours of delay in Alameda County decreased steadily from 1991 (18,750 hours), although that number skyrocketed in 1995 to 25,600 hours, mainly due to congestion on I-680.

Fay also said that although infill housing will be one solution to freeway congestion, it does not have any say as to whether or not Alameda County. Local jurisdictions are responsible for such decisions, Fay said, and would appreciate being told how to make them.

Many transit-related, non-freeway projects are under way at CMA, Fay added, including service and BART extensions which will be in place over the next 15 years. He said the CMA project has been on the books since the 1970s, as far as dealing with congestion along the I-80, the HOV lane was the most cost-effective solution.

"We have to use whatever tools are available," Fay said.

Tempers

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nization in his accusatory comments.

"Sustainable El Cerrito does not represent Del Norte," Loubal said. "With all due respect to my friend Steve Price (a strong believer in community-oriented development and organizer of SEC, among other volunteer involvements), this group is seen as a loyal ally of the power structure in El Cerrito." (He did not, however, identify those who see the SEC in that way.)

Comments from Loubal and others prompted resident Pam Challinor's statements to the council regarding the "ongoing acrimony and bad behavior" she believes have come to mark some of the council meetings.

She accused "a few people," of bringing "negativism, protests and suspicions" in addressing the issues.

"This is really not fair to the rest of the city," she said. "These people say they represent the interests of the citizens.... I resent these few people saying they represent me and my concerns."

Challinor said she objected to sitting and listening "to these monologs" when she attends council meetings and called for someone to take charge.

"They're hogging in on my time and (the time of) other citizens who come to see constructive things done here.... The behavior is child and sophomoric. There's work to be done; this has to end."

Anne Delehunt spoke in response. Delehunt is another active volunteer; she was a member of the original Redevelopment Advisory Committee, for example, and served as co-chair of Thom Stark's campaign for city council last year.

Delehunt said that many citizens have spent "hour after hour after hour after hour" giving their own time to work on important issues for the community. They should be respected for their endeavors, she said, rather than being "attacked."

"Some of us have had several negative experiences," she went on to say. Delehunt has several times

expressed frustration about whether citizens' desires are always "heard" by council members as they are making decisions about the future of the city.

Delehunt's husband, Grant Ricketts, said he would have made the same comments as Challinor but would have directed them the other way (i.e., toward the members of the city council).

Redevelopment Agency Chair Norman La Force allowed Delehunt's remarks, which she placed in the context of her interest in the issue at hand (the circulation of the RFQ), as did Ricketts.

He did not allow Loubal or Stark to generally respond to Challinor's remarks, or to his own.

La Force had his own accusations to make. He believes the "1,000 signature" petition Loubal said he had successfully circulated last year is "a bogus document." La Force said he carried it around during his campaign for city council last fall and found residents

who had signed and did not understand the stake or had been misinformed.

He also called "the conspiracy notion" of other council members have been accused of conspiring privately with developers to their own ends.

Mayor Cathie Kosel also responded, saying that there is a "secret cabal by the power elite in the city," "wild and crazy."

Kosel also objected to what she called the "renewal of the character assassination of the city."

Charles Oewel is proposing the development of a new city, "Del Norte." Two or three residents have been identified for working in the city, pointing to a lawsuit filed against him in Marin County.

The three other council members did not interject, though Jane Barkle has noted that the council adopt some kind of policy for meetings.

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Hamlin, during her comments, said the answer to the question "what's going wrong here" is that "the big guys are laughing all the way to the bank as they dismantle affirmative action. We will be losers if we don't have the guts to pull together on this. Without each other we truly are on a crash course."

For Rockwell, the situation is nothing but hypocritical.

"It's not affirmative action that's under attack. It's the extension of affirmative action to people of color and women. What's wrong is an arrogance of those who take all the advantages and then turn against women and people of color," he said, noting widespread use of preferential treatment programs during the New Deal era, draft deferment for (mostly) white male students during the Vietnam War and tax breaks

for homeowners as a few examples of America benefits from special treatment on a basis.

A long line of audience members (many young people) took to the microphone for the panel presentations. Questions for the panel focused on how Albanians might be affected by CCRI and what impacts the city have if passed.

While Albany is seen as a strong defender of affirmative action, where "talking about affirmative action" is "talking about the choir," as one audience member warned that "Californians are conflicted about this issue. I think it has been framed. It's important to talk to friends," she said.

East Bay Events

Many orchestra ends season



Ernest Small of Berkeley, violinist, Albany Community Orchestra.

The 51-member Albany Community Orchestra will wind up its 21st season with its annual Spring Concert on Tuesday evening, June 4. The program will begin at 7:30 in the Little Theater at Albany High School. The event is free.

Featured soloist will be Berkeley resident Janet Small, performing the first movement from the Violin Concerto by Felix Mendelssohn. Small is a longtime member of the orchestra's first violin section and has previously soloed on both violin and piano.

Also featured will be the orchestra's percussion players, Beatrice Haeefe of El Cerrito and Max Leavitt of Berkeley. They will play "Caribbean Dance," a piece written especially for them by the orchestra's musical director, Ernest Douglas. The two percussionists will be assisted by the orchestra's youngest member, Prntam Dalal, who usually plays in the violin section.

Conducted by Douglas, the orchestra will open the program with Beethoven's Symphony No. 5.

The Albany Community Orchestra is made up of adult musicians from throughout the Bay Area, from Pinole to Oakland. It is sponsored by the Albany Adult Education Program.

Berkeley High dancers on stage

The Performing Arts Department of Berkeley High School presents its annual Dance Projects performances tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. These performances will highlight not only student dancers, but also some of the other talents at Berkeley High School — most of the music will live.

The popular Ballet Folklorico class will also perform.

Admission is \$3 at the door at Florence Schwimley Little Theater, Union Way at MLK Jr. Way.

New gallery spotlights fine crafts

Along the newly renovated 2100 block of Oxford Street in Berkeley a new contemporary crafts gallery, Off Center, is showing the furniture and lamps of local artists Tedd Coli and Helen Holt, jewelry by Jennifer Gardner, noted for her fine workmanship and wry humor, John Lavine's furniture and Doris Spivack's ceramic pieces that resemble leather.

Erik Eisinger's elegant glass pieces and Max Hunter's handmade vases, which appeal to both art lovers and cigar smokers, are also on display, along with Natalie Friedman's intricately painted paper mache sculptures. Other artists include Dee Hibbert-Jones, Leslie Ruda, Deborah Altmanberg and Chuck McLaughlin.

Filled with light, the intimate venue is the creation of Berkeley sculptor Natalie Friedman and Lucia Boudreaux, a mainstay of the Berkeley Public Education Foundation's extremely successful "Save the Music" campaign last year.

According to Friedman, first time art buyers as well as seasoned collectors will find something of interest in Off Center's display of art and crafts. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The current exhibit continues through June 21.

Jewish a capella songs

Hear Jewish a capella music of the world performed by Sacred and Profane Chamber Chorus on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. (near Rose), Berkeley and Sunday, June 9, 4 p.m. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley.

Tickets are \$14 general (\$11 seniors/students) at the door, and \$12 general (\$9 seniors/students) in advance by mail. Seating is limited, early purchase of tickets is recommended. For tickets call 524-3611. All concerts are accessible; patrons with wheelchairs are asked to phone ahead.

The chorus is directed by Susan Swerdlow. More than 500 years after the expulsion of Jews from Spain and more than 50 years after the end of the Holocaust, this concert series celebrates Judaism's rich and varied musical traditions, ranging from medieval times to the modern day, from Israel to the Diaspora.

Specialists in Italian

Fonghetti Musicale will perform selections from the Cento Concerti Ecclesiastici di Ludovico Viadana for solo voice and basso continuo on Thursday, June 6, at 2:30 p.m. The concert will take place at St. Joseph of Immaculate Chapel, located at 2316 Bowditch (at Durant) in Berkeley.

Published in 1602 in Venice, the Concerti Ecclesiastici is Viadana's greatest work.

Fonghetti Musicale, composed of Amy Green, voice; Hanneke van Rosdij, organ; David Tayler, archliuto; Steven Lehning violone; and Jennifer Sayre, baroque harp, and is dedicated to performing ornamentation and articulation styles of the 17th century.

The name (musical mushrooms) derives from the Italian composer Paolo Fonghetti (1572-1630), a master of aria and ornamentation, and perhaps the first to compose music with basso continuo.

Requested admission is \$5 to \$15. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Birds searching, too

The *Conference of the Birds*, directed by Todd R. Ewing and based on the poem Farid Uddi Attar, will be staged one night only, Sunday, June 2, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For reservations call 524-9132.

The *Conference of the Birds*, based on the poem by the 12th century Persian poet has a simple story: a flock of birds undertake a search for God. In the course of the journey the birds become discouraged, but the leader convinces them to remain firm. In the end, a few survive only to discover that they themselves are the embodiment of the Divine.

Originally as a project of playwright Peter Brook's International Center of Theatre Research in Paris, 1968, *The Conference of the Birds* was performed in several African countries in 1972, playing in villages that had never seen a theatrical performance.

This story is told by several birds, including a proud falcon, as wistful dove, an arrogant peacock and a story-telling hoopoe. Although the fable is predominantly serious, the play has many farcical elements which result

Kito Gamble leads Malcolm X jazz show

The dynamic Miss Faye Carol and Kito Gamble will be the headline entertainers at the 15th annual Malcolm X Jazz Festival on Monday, June 3, at Kimball's East. The show starts at 7 p.m.

The music program at Malcolm X School is an integral part of the strong music program in the Berkeley school district, which has produced so many fine musicians — including Kito Gamble, who played piano at Berkeley High.

Gamble is the most recent in a parade of outstanding jazz performers who have been willing to share the bill with the Malcolm X students and help support their program. Former featured artists include Bobby McFerrin, Stan Getz, Joe Henderson and Peter Apfelbaum.

This year's program will kick off with the Malcolm X String Orchestra at 7 p.m., followed by the



Miss Faye Carol and Kito Gamble: Gamble was once a Berkeley High music student.

Intermediate and Advanced (jazz) bands. Also sharing the spotlight will be the award-winning Berkeley High Jazz Band under the direction of Charles Hamilton. The

evening will close with the famous mother-daughter duo, Faye Carol and Kito Gamble.

The Jazz Festival not only raises needed money. For the young

people in the band, it is also the culmination of an exciting year of study and performances. It gives the kids a chance to perform in a real club before a discerning audience, and to share the bill with high school students and professional performers. Meanwhile, supporters of the Bay Area music scene have an uncommon chance to hear the progression from the very youngest musicians to the most outstanding professionals — and to help build the bridge between.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the door. For further information, call 644-4500, ext. 26010, and leave a message.

The Malcolm X Jazz Festival began in 1982 as an urgently needed fundraiser. It is the sole source of funding for the Malcolm X Music Program Scholarship Fund. The fund pays for instrumental lessons for kids who could not otherwise afford them.



The Kuijken Trio plays Thursday and Friday at Hertz Hall, Saturday and Sunday at First Congregational Church.

Early music takes the stage at Berkeley Fest

Cal Performances presents the fourth biennial Berkeley Festival & Exhibition, the largest assemblage of early music artists, exhibitors and enthusiasts in North America, June 1-9 at venues in Berkeley and San Francisco. The week-long celebration features over 30 concerts by the top early music performers in the world, traveling from France, Italy, Scandinavia, Belgium, and Germany, as well as from throughout the United States and the Bay Area.

A full complement of lectures, symposia, master classes, and early music instrument and society meetings are featured throughout, and the four-day Early Music Exhibition, June 6-9, showcases the music, instruments and artisans of the expanding early music movement. The Berkeley "The growing appeal of medieval, Baroque and Renaissance music always inspires us when we are creating these concert programs, and it's gratifying to continually discover new horizons in this rich musical legacy," said Berkeley Festival founder and Cal Performances director Robert Cole.

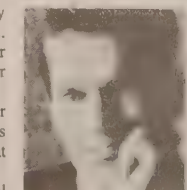
Cole said this year's festival will open with the first performance in 300 years of Alessandro Scarlatti's opera of romantic intrigue, *L'Aldimiro*. "The only known existing copy of Scarlatti's first Neapolitan opera was recently discovered in UC Berkeley's own Music Library, and is a truly remarkable find," Cole said.

The Berkeley Festival & Exhibition is one of the world's most prestigious and well-attended early music events. Held biennially on even-numbered years, the Festival draws international talent and visitors to the San Francisco Bay Area, which has itself one of the largest and most vital early music communities in America.

For complete information on tickets and scheduling call the Cal Performances ticket office at 642-9988. For more on fees and admission to master classes, call 642-0212.



■ The King's Noysse plays ballads for voice and violin Wednesday at Hertz Hall.



■ Harpsichordist Matthew Dirst plays all-Bach program June 6.



■ Soprano Veronique Gens appears with French conductor/harpichordist Christopher Rousset (right) Tuesday at First Congregational Church. He performs with his ensemble this Sunday at Hertz Hall.



Former boxer pens second '60s novel

By Eric Turowski

■ State of Emergency by Floyd Salas



Author Floyd Salas

Roger Leon, a novelist and left-wing true believer, flees the tyranny of the 1960s American police state in *State of Emergency*. Self-imposed exile mixes with a working-vacation-turned-nightmare, forming a behind-the-scenes political thriller.

Roger is writing a novel about a student strike at San Francisco State, filled with all the dirty tricks the police pulled to infiltrate the strike and turn student against student. The police, of course, do not want to see this book in print. Leon flees to England with his true love, Penny. But they do not flee surveillance.

George Leary, later nicknamed "Fuzz," is the Company agent pursuing Roger. And pursue Roger, he does, from London to Spain to Morocco to France.

The book is set on a great stage. Roger stands for complete de-

mocracy, believing that the U.S. has been taken over by a left wing military/industrial coup d'etat with the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., John and Robert Kennedy and the election of Richard Nixon to the presidency, and it is against this oppression that he fights. Leary believes that Roger is a dupe of the worldwide communist conspiracy that threatens the very existence of the United States.

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Series revival flick surprisingly fun

By Renata Polt

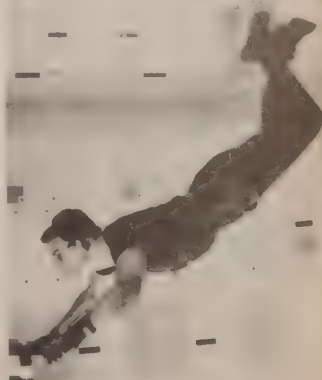
I'll let you in on a little secret about film reviewers: We are not all storehouses of movie trivia ("It was lighting designer Frankie Gumpolskirchner's second film with director Dong Wong, not her third, that won her the 1978 Oscar").

For these and similar bits of wisdom, God created the press kit, distributed to each reviewer for each film. Actually, it's not God who creates press kits but rather groups of (probably overpaid) writers whose college major was Dangling Paragraphs.

Among the tidbits included in a press kit, along with Cast and Credits, Production Notes, and sometimes interviews with the filmmakers relating what undiluted joy it was making the picture, you'll often find a plot synopsis, just like in Cliff Notes. That's how come, after seeing Brian De Palma's *Mission Impossible*, I couldn't wait to come home and read the press kit, just to find out what I'd been watching in this enjoyable but entirely baffling movie.

Surprise! No synopsis! Lots of fluff about the costumes, special effects, locations, etc., but nothing about the plot. Why does the action suddenly shift to London? Why France? And is Emmanuelle Beart really one of the bad guys? I'll never know.

And you might not either, but that shouldn't stop you from having a good time at this pseudo-successor to the well-known '60s and '70s TV series. Actually, the film has little to do with the old series aside from snatches of the theme music and the famous opening, "Your mission, should you



See CRUISIN' page 12 Tom Cruise flies high in Mission: Impossible.

East Bay Events

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in a certain lightness in the midst of seriousness, satire in the midst of sadness and joy in the midst of mystery. This one-act play is suitable for audiences of all ages, with themes that older children will understand.

The Conference of the Birds features Nosh Calegari, Anne Collins, Dory Ehrlich, Diana Godet, Andrea Hatch, David M. Lee, Kevin O'Byrne, Ellen Reiterman, David Stampfli, Terri Skye, Paulette Staats, Megan Staats and Sandy Staats.

Join the tap dance jam

"How could I combine my social activism with my passion for dance, especially tap dance?" asks Dolores Helman who is presenting a benefit tap show and jam at Ashkenaz Studio and Dance Cafe, 1317 San Pablo Ave. (near Gilman) on June 2 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Her answer: Stage an intergenerational tap show to benefit Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy for Homeless.

Children from 5 to over 70 will perform and jam along with seasoned pros George Ashford and Ron Gill and old-time hooper Jean Martin. There will be a senior citizens tap group from East Oakland under the direction of Maxine Brown.

Local artists and teachers Helman, Linda Milani and Adrian Flores will demonstrate traditional tap, tap with swing, rhythm tap, tango, and other fascinating footwork.

Show time is 3 to 5 p.m., followed by a mini-lesson from 5 to 5:30 p.m. From 5:30 to 6 p.m. any one is invited to perform and jam. Admission is \$5 to \$10 sliding scale to benefit BECH. Call 540-0771 to participate or for more information.



Dolores Helman

Sci-fi author reads his latest

Science fiction writer Bradley Denton will be reading and signing his latest book, *Lunatics* on Tuesday, June 4, 6 to 8 p.m. at The Other Change of Hobbitt Bookstore, 2020 Shattuck, Berkeley. Call 848-0413 for more information.

The award-winning author of *Blackburn* and *Buddy Holly Is Alive and Well on Ganymede*, Denton also received a 1995 World Fantasy Award for his collected stories.

Lunatics is a romantic fantasy about love, friendship and the goddess of the moon. It tells the story of five adults with problems of their own, trying to help an old friend, Jack, who seems to be losing his mind following the death of his wife. Each month, when the moon is full, Jack strips naked and waits in the moonlight for his lover, Lily (the goddess of the moon).

Art Center series continues

A performance group comprising Elizabeth Sale, a recent graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute's masters program, and choreographers Kelda Van Patten, Margaret Leonard, Alison Earl, and Theodore Everett will present *Warning: Water is Polluted*, a moving indoor/outdoor performance and installation Friday and Saturday May 31, and June 1 at 7:30 p.m. The presentation is part of Berkeley Art Center's annual performance series.

Based on studies of compulsive behaviors and habitual movement patterns in personal living situations, this work brings to light the humorous and disturbing aspects of contradictory behaviors which humans have developed in their relationships and homes.

The installation is open for public viewing Friday, May 31, and Saturday June 1, from noon to 5 p.m.

Music of West Java

Pusaka Sunda, a West Javanese gamelan degung ensemble under the direction of master suling bamboo flute player Burhan Sukarma, will play Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center in Berkeley. Singers and dancers will also perform. Admission is \$8 adults, \$4 seniors/children.

The concert will feature contemporary vocal music of West Java, classical Sundanese dance, and selections from Pusaka Sunda's CD recording "LolongKrang."

Pusaka Sunda is a 10 piece gamelan degung group dedicated to performing and recording traditional and contemporary music of West Java. The gamelan degung ensemble is a gongchime orchestra indigenous to the Sunda area in the western pan of the island of Java, in Indonesia. Primarily an instrumental ensemble, gamelan degung is played at soft, dynamic levels with the soothing, expressive suling melody gracefully floating on top.

Jazz and house tour benefit gymnasts

The newly built home in the Oakland Hills fire zone of Judge Winton and Margaret McKibben will host the 2nd annual "Jazz in the Afternoon" on Sunday, June 2. Guests will be allowed to tour the house and garden, entertainment will be provided by Nicolas Bearde, a member of Bobby McFerrin's vocal ensemble, and a buffet will be provided by local merchants.

The McKibben's home was recently honored by the East Bay AIA Home Award, for its creative merits. The architect, William Dutcher, FAIA, and the principals from award winning custom home builders, Creative Spaces, will be on hand to give special tours.

Tickets are \$35/person and all proceeds will go the Golden Bear Gymnastics Academy to fund the gymnasts' training and travel expenses. For event and ticket information, call 453-1137.

Bergman illuminated

Pacific Film Archive presents a retrospective of the films of one of world cinema's great directors, Ingmar Bergman. "Illuminating Ingmar Bergman" continues through Thursday, July 18; all screenings will take place at the Pacific Film Archive at the University Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Good prints of most of these films haven't been available in the U.S. for many years. The prints in the current film series are new 35mm subtitled prints from Sweden.

Bergman's films defined "art cinema" for a generation of filmgoers in the 1950s and '60s. He is esteemed as one of world cinema's great auteurs, and his films are renowned for their deep and powerful expressions of emotion, and of intelligent, mature perspectives on life's psychological and spiritual dilemmas.

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Musical returns to cast its spell

Cruising

■ *The musicality of the performance is so high it redeems the schlock.*

West Coast Broadway Productions' *Godspell*, at First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St., Oakland, through June 2.

By Don McConnell

To get ready to review this production, I spent a couple of afternoons with a CD of the original cast recording of *Godspell*—an experience I don't recommend. It contains all the worst performance clichés of the 1970s, and it makes the score itself sound like a revue of '70s musical clichés.

A recent performance of *Godspell* at Oakland's First Congregational Church was the opposite—a convincing justification of the music of a schlocky decade. It's hard to imagine that *Godspell* has ever received a stronger musical performance. Indeed, outside of the opera house, I've never been to a performance with so strong a cast of voices.

Conductor (and director) John Kevin Hilbert spends much of his time training and conducting opera singers (at the S.F. Opera and elsewhere), and the influence on his style of Broadway production is easy to discern. For instance, he has a tendency to cast by ear more than by eye. In song after song, the singer's particular vocal strength was exactly matched to the special requirement of the song.

The first and most dramatic instance came with the entrance of John the Baptist (Marcus Klinger)

singing "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." The plangency of Klinger's voice was matched by the high quality of the body miking, and it was the first of many moments in the evening that could hardly be bettered.

Just as well chosen was Laurie Hedstrom-Kinsella's voice for the first run-through of "Day by Day," the show's biggest hit. The song is in the style of the Carpenters, and Hedstrom-Kinsella sings it in a voice as compelling as Karen Carpenter's.

Hilbert treats the musical like an opera in other ways. He's focused much greater than usual care on the vocal and orchestral backup. The orchestration of the Broadway *Godspell* stays close to the sound of a rock band—it's built around a piano, but with electric and acoustic guitar taking over for climaxes, and plenty of percussion. The choral singing on the original-cast CD is in a style that came to be called the "mass choir"—i.e., everyone singing/shouting in unison.

Hilbert has wisely jettisoned both the rock sound and the mass choir. His orchestra is built around a pair of synthesizer keyboards, with the percussion and guitars less prominent, and with some woodwinds featured at key moments. It is a far more flexible instrumental palette, and Hilbert put it to good use. "Day by Day" got a bed of bubble-gum sound that made it even more a tribute to the Carpenters.

When "Day by Day" was reprised in act 2, with a new singer (Kat Castellblanco) and a jazzed-up rhythm, it became just as convincing a tribute to Burt Bacharach and

Dionne Warwick.

Substituted for the "mass choir" sound is a well-trained chorus of nearly 30 voices. The improvement over the original can be imagined.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that this production often seems musically better than the material it's working with. The big choral numbers often rise to the power of Mendelssohn or even Handel. Hilbert admits to taking a free hand to the spoken dialogue of the musical; he's clearly cleaned up its score as well.

It's not so easy to juice up the action. This is basically an oratorio—as structured as a Bach passion. The ministry of Jesus has plenty of melodrama (as several movie epics have demonstrated), but when the story is told in a succession of arias and choruses, and in a church, it takes on the static feeling of a pageant.

Hilbert and choreographer Kate Leland add as much life as they can in the circumstances. The large cast is almost constantly in flow through the church. At their most active, they sang as they wove a huge mandala out of bolts of fabric. But as this suggests, the musical comes off more as a series of production numbers rather than as a drama that develops any sense of forward movement.

Henry Farnam's remarkable performance as Jesus gave the show some momentum. The persona given to Jesus in *Godspell* is a little hard to stomach—he's like an overly happy camp counselor—but Farnam makes it work through a combination of smooth vocalism and deadpan sincerity.

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choose to accept it. ...
on video tape instead of

Mission Impossible is a great action thriller starring Cruise, Jon Voight, Ving Rhames, and Vanessa Redgrave and Foster. Emmanuelle Beart, with-already I'm drawing something about the threat to the list of the identities of falling into the wrong hands existence of a "mole," or the ranks.

But, hey, *Mission Impossible* is about ogling Tom Cruise in an undershirt, about spectacular locations, and as high as an elephant's back, two items make the film more retro TV, though the screen Koepf, who wrote *Jurassic Park* (Chinatown) isn't as witty as James Bond flick, and Cruise's charisma and timing of a scene.

The film opens in Prague, a city whose romantic cinematography (by Sven Nykvist) takes full advantage for great Art Nouveau details. It then moves to London, and France, where a sensational sequence with Voight riding atop a TGV train, chased by a helicopter, is quite improbable, but containing.

Mission Impossible fails to a high degree of suspense, even TGV episode and in scenes Cruise and Beart, which wonder whether the electricity of the two is going to ignite or what's really happening and simply sit back and enjoy it, night out for a thriller with graphic violence, or car chase, in!

'Emergency'

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Yet both of these sweeping ideologies are personified, and their struggle becomes more than political—it becomes personal.

Everywhere Roger turns, he sees a setup; cooperation between the CIA, Interpol, and every local police department he encounters; beautiful women come on to him to break apart his relationship with Penny; symbolic threats, severed communication, and eventually, a brutal maiming all conspire to make him cease writing the novel. But he refuses to give up, a true believer to the end.

At the same time, Roger's state of mind is put in question. The disbelief of his companions, including Penny, drug use, and allusions to time spent in a mental institution (for using marijuana, he says), lead us to wonder whether he is persecuted, delusional, or both.

But Roger's main problem, outside of the endless harassment, is that he can't keep his mouth shut. He is badgered into shouting out his political beliefs, his right to use drugs, his willingness to battle the police state—many times, in the

presence of the police. In spite of constant police observation, he continues consuming marijuana and its by-products, feeling that it is his right as an artist to do so. These actions propel him through a labyrinth of trouble, paranoia, and violence from country to country, making the novel a page-turner all the way through.

Floyd Salas, recipient of the first U.C. scholarship for boxing and a former U.C. boxing coach who turned out five national champions (though there hasn't been one since he left) pens dialog and prose that is as gripping as the action taking place. The writing is straightforward and engaging, with a natural flow that draws the reader in from the first paragraph. But one has to wonder why a book about the radical '60s is being published today.

"I finished *State of Emergency* on election day in 1976. It took the ending of the cold war to get this book published." When the book was finished 20 years ago, and submitted to a publisher, it returned to Salas with no letter enclosed, not even a rejection slip. In fact several of Salas's books seem to have under-

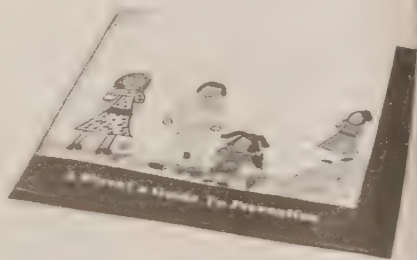
gone a treatment similar to his character's in *State of Emergency*.

Lay My Body on the Line—to which *State of Emergency* is a sequel—a fictional account of the 1968 seizure of the San Francisco State administration building (which Salas himself was involved in) had similar problems getting published. Even though editors responded with kind words, "This is the book we've been waiting for, this is the first serious literature about the radical '60s.'"

Salas quotes, they ended with "but it's too late," even though the book was completed in 1972, also on election day. "I wrote two political novels. Each of them took four years, and each one was finished on election day," Salas says.

Finally, 20 years later, books have been published, and in the aid of grants from the And today, with "the weight of the hand by the CIA," '60s finally scrutinized by the media, the book becomes even relevant and frighteningly so. So if you're interested in hand fictional account of a for democracy in the '60s, this is a must read. Or, if you do towards the political, this stands up as an energetic, thoroughly engrossing and taining. Pick up *State of Emergency* at your local book store, and supporting your local author.

Floyd Salas will read at 8 p.m. tonight at Borders Books, 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville.



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Children's Center hosts celebration

ALBANY — On Saturday, June 2, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. the Albany Children's Center will hold its 12th Annual International Food Festival and Children's Activity Day at the Community Center of the University Village in Albany.

This year's event will feature the innovative children's music duo of Lori Motie and R.J. Johnson, known as Cotton Candy Express. A small portion of their shows will be donated as a contribution to the Albany Children's Center. There will be games for children aged 3-8 and food from the Albany Children's Center. In addition, there will be a Raffle and Silent Auction.

Cotton Candy Express' music is modern, encompassing the many rhythms of rock, reggae, and hip-hop.

The cornerstone of the musical side of Cotton Candy Express is the multi-instrumentalist, R.J. Johnson, who plays bass, piano, harmonica, drums, and guitar and writes songs. Lori Motie contributes her musicianship and animated stage presence through her vocals and guitar playing.

Cotton Candy Express musicians Lori and R.J. can be seen as the hosts of the KTVU/Fox Kids Club (weekdays and Saturday mornings - Channel 2) and are working on two new albums following their successful cassette "Daylight, Day-

break."

The duo will be performing several shows during the event as well as hosting the Silent Auction and Raffle. This year's Grand Prize is a four-person day pass to Disneyland and \$200 cash to help the winner get there.

Other prizes include dinner for four at a Pier 39 restaurant in San Francisco as well as wonderful prizes from Bay Area merchants. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 each. A full list of auction items will be available the week prior to the event.

For information about the event, call the center at 559-6590 or the Fundraising Chair, Margot Lederer, at 526-1112 (evening).

Obituary

Editha Hartwig Keppel

Editha Hartwig Keppel was born Aug. 30, 1910, in Hood River, Ore., where she attended Hood River High School. She graduated in 1933 from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.

In the early years of the Second World War, she taught high school in the Japanese American students camp in the Tule Lake internment camp in northeast California and then served overseas with the American Red Cross in 1943-46 in Italy and Berlin.

On March 13, 1948, Editha married Charles W. Keppel of Albany, and became an instant mother to

three boys between the ages of 7 and 13. That same year in Berkeley, she was involved in establishing the Berkeley and Albany chapter of the United Nations Association to support the newly founded organization at its inception.

She continued her international interests with volunteer work directing the American Field Service Club, while she taught at Berkeley High School in the 1960s. Editha helped to organize the Albany High School Mothers' Club, and she kept up her health by swimming at the Albany Pool. Her church, which, in her words, "nourished her," was the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley.

Editha was being treated for acute leukemia, a condition that was

diagnosed six months earlier. Editha was at home when she passed away in her sleep in the early hours of May 5, with members of the family present.

Editha is survived by her husband of 48 years, Charles; her stepsons, Geoffrey of Oakland; Bruce of Bellingham, Wash.; and Stephen of Woodland, Calif.; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and her sister, Mavis Stein of El Dorado, Calif. She will be remembered for her deep heart and strong belief in the goodness of human kind.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of the VNA, Emeryville; the Northbrae Community Church, Berkeley; the American Red Cross; or other charity of choice.

City Briefs

Albany hearing set

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—A public hearing will be held at the Monday, June 3 City Council meeting to review lighting and landscaping improvements to the city during the fiscal year 1996/97.

The great majority of the more than \$500,000 allocated for such improvements will go toward paying off the \$310,000 per year bonds for the Albany Community Center.

Also on the block will be \$25,000 for purchase of land on Albany Hill, \$10,000 for improvements to Solano Avenue and \$18,000 for improvements to Memorial Park, with the remainder of the funds slated for street light, median and tree maintenance.

According to City Administrator Daren Fields, although extensive public input has already been received on the proposed improvements, the council normally makes minor adjustments in the expenditures.

EC hearing set

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO—The City Council has set June 17 as the public hearing date to consider continuation of the Landscape and Lighting Assessment district. The district was adopted in 1988; a public hearing must be held every year if the as-

essment district is to continue.

The city is not proposing to increase the current rate of \$72 per residential parcel. City council members believe that El Cerrito's citizens generally support continuation of the assessment. Mayor Cathie Kosel pointed out that "close to 82 percent" of the respondents to a recent city-sponsored phone survey favored its continuance.

Council member Norman La Force noted that, aside from the portion that pays for the lighting of street lights (about \$170,000, he said), assessment monies pay for "routine maintenance of parks and community facilities."

Monies raised do not provide any funding for "longtime deferred maintenance of facilities and parks," he said.

Staff estimates the net revenue from the district to be about \$730,000 in fiscal year 1996/97. An engineer's report accounting for the expenses charged to the district this past year and setting a budget for next year is available for review at City Hall.

Stop sign installed

Responding to the request of a concerned resident, the city council has approved the installation of a stop sign on Lagunitas Avenue at Carquinez Avenue.

The resident had asked that Mira Vista, Lagunitas and Carquinez Avenues be converted to one-way streets and that parking be limited

to one side of the street for three reasons: because Carquinez and Mira Vista are excessively narrow, because vehicles parked on sidewalks block pedestrian passage and because sight distance problems exist at Carquinez and Lagunitas.

The city's contract traffic engineer, Charles Abrams, reviewed the request. He found that Carquinez and Mira Vista are quite narrow, causing the street to be "one way" when vehicles are parked on both sides; in addition, he said, traffic and pedestrian movement problems are created by parked cars.


Abrams did not find the situations created to be significantly unsafe, however, due to the low traffic volumes on the streets. He recommended against the creation of one-way streets and the addition of parking restrictions in the area unless a significant majority of neighborhood residents are in support of the plan.

He did recommend the stop sign installation, however, in that it should address the issue of inadequate sight distance at the intersection of Carquinez and Lagunitas. According to Abrams' report, "the poor sight distance towards the south of the intersection warrants the installation of this stop sign" for the westbound Lagunitas approach.

"This will improve safety at the intersection," according to Abrams.

The El Cerrito Police and Fire Departments and the Recycling Center all concurred with that recommendation.

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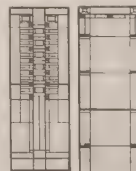
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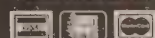
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Trash

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According to Albany Police Lt. Greg Bone arrests of this nature are made at the complainant's request.

"We were completely independent and neutral on that. We simply received the arrest," he said.

Bone added that the department doesn't track the frequency of complaints having to do with problems with garbage, drugs and alcohol, or outside instigators in a given neighborhood.

He did, however, say that based on his 18-year experience with the department "it's my perception we are being requested more around the high school and by the high school for different situations."

He also added "I think the school tries to handle a lot of these situations themselves and does a pretty good job. If you look at other Bay Area schools, they are in the same situation."

As to the alleged problem that led to the incident and has brought McMahon repeatedly before the School Board and City Council, McMahon contends that the neighbors repeatedly find trash on their property, degrading the community and, on McMahon's property, clogging storm drains and flooding streets. In addition, the content of the trash is disturbing, McMahon said, allegedly with alcohol containers, cigar butts and syringes appearing.

McMahon, and other residents, are concerned that with the addition of a new middle school in the neighborhood the problem will only get worse.

Both Riffer and Hudson have said the district is doing its part to deter students from littering.

Riffer, in particular, took issue with the claim that students are drinking alcohol and littering the containers off campus.

"One of the items McMahon pointed out (at an earlier discussion) was a huge Chevas Regal box (of wine). I can't believe we have high students drinking Chevas Regal. I think there are other

things going on that may involve people other than the high school. I think it is unfortunate we have litter going on, but I think it is unreasonable to expect it's a problem for the school to solve. We don't encourage people to litter. We don't follow them home," Riffer said.

In terms of dedicating time and resources to the issue, Riffer said the district has other priorities to consider.

"I think there are a lot more critical issues in education than litter around the high school. What he (McMahon) is doing is not presenting a solution. He's just pointing a finger at us and saying here is a problem, go fix it. If there was some magic solution that was achievable I think the community would rally behind that," he said.

As for possible solutions, McMahon has asked that the district provide personnel to pick up trash around the school (which he claims has been done in the past) and possibly require students put on detention to perform neighborhood cleanup duties as well. Readers' letters have also offered a number of ideas, including residents' involvement by hiring students to maintain neighborhood yards and gardens, thereby increasing student involvement and pride in the neighborhood. Others have noted that parents should also be responsible for student behavior. A suggestion was also made that the city be more diligent in garbage collection activities.

Hudson, however, said there is a certain reality living in close proximity to a school.

"If you are going to be across from a school there are going to be things to contend with. I can sympathize with Dave. We know it's a problem. It's not as though we haven't made efforts. There are times we are able to provide solutions and get ahead of the problem (but) it's very hard to continue to sustain it," he said.

For his part, McMahon said he believes that problem is one that needs to be addressed by all involved; the city, school district, residents, parents and students.

"The police say 'we don't have enough money,' the City Council is saying 'it's your problem.' The reality is it's everybody's problem and parents do need to get involved."

"It's going to take all of these institutions working together. Everybody has to do something to resolve it. My preference is that we start with something positive and educational with students," he said.

As for McMahon's actions at the April 30 meeting, both Riffer and Hudson maintain that the action was inappropriate.

"He is welcome to address the board. That is his right and one that we promote, but if he brings another bag of trash and dumps it out I would think that would still be disruptive and we would probably do the same thing as last time," Riffer said.

The meetings "are not so much a public meeting as they are a meeting before the public. It is a business meeting of a public agency and as such we have certain obligations to get things done. It's not like a public meeting where everyone is participating in an

informal dialogue," he added.

Noting that board policy gives the president authority to conduct the meetings, Riffer said "we are going to change" how public comment is carried out. Currently there is no set time limit for speakers, whether they be representing themselves or an educational organization.

"I've been uncomfortable in that I don't want to be arbitrary in terms of how we treat people who appear before the board. In the past we have tended to be."

"We're going to put something on the agenda that limits speakers. I will do my best in applying this, it's important we hear comments, but the purpose of the board meeting is to conduct the board's business. We have many responsibilities, among those is listening to the public," Riffer said.

Some other public agencies limit public comment to three to five minutes per speaker. The Berkeley Board of Education sets a three-minute limit per speaker, while the Oakland Board of Education sets no limit per speaker.

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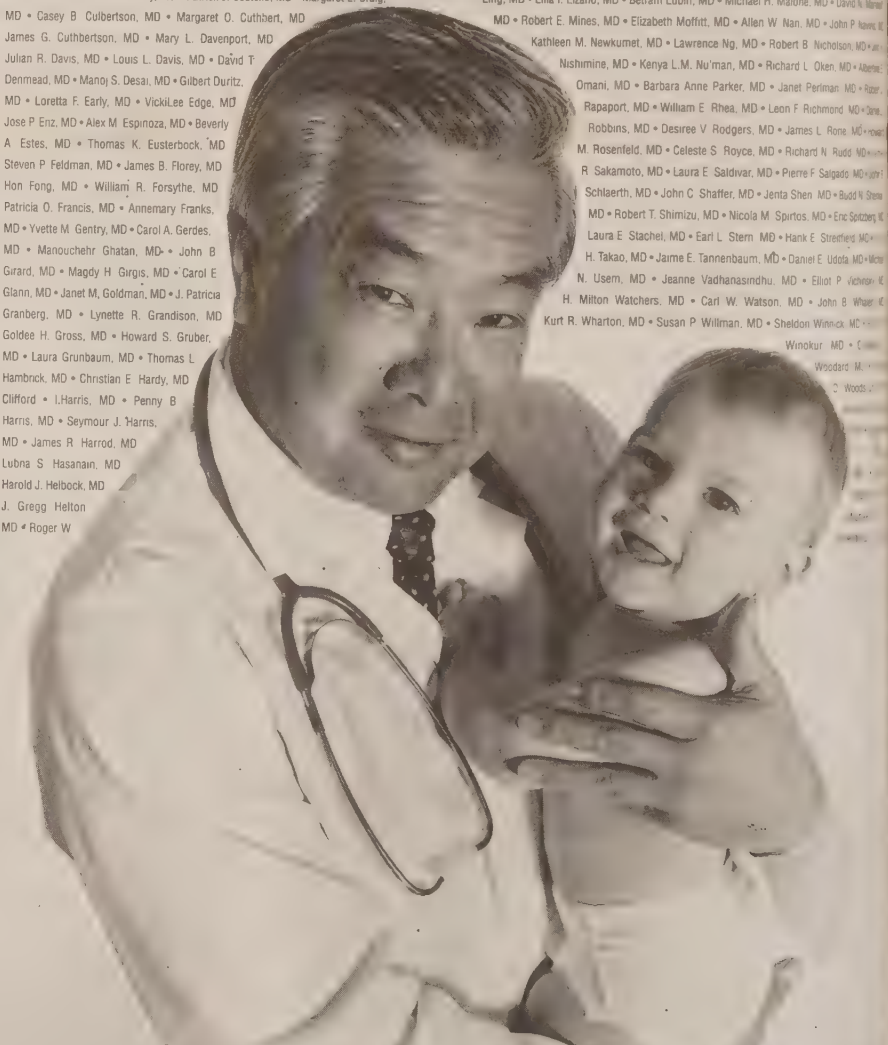
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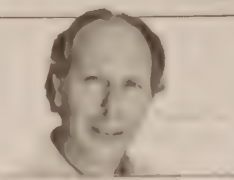
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"Don't you agree with me?" she asked. I tried to change the subject, but she wouldn't let me. So finally I said, "No, I don't agree with you." And then we got into it.

"Let me hear your reasons," she said. I explained that it's legal to chew tobacco and I don't think

major leaguers should be deprived of their rights.

"But it's been proven that it's harmful to chew tobacco," she said in the tone you would take with a child.

"Baseball players know chewing is dangerous," I told her. "They don't need you or me or Baseball or Big Brother telling them it causes cancer. Besides, it's their business if they want to take the risk."

I told my wife how they've already banned chewing in the minor leagues, and how I wrote a column protesting that a few years ago. Bobby Brown, president of the American League at the time and a medical doctor, wrote me a condescending letter detailing the dangers of chewing, which I

already knew. But he never addressed the issue of freedom of choice, and I thought he was all wet.

My wife was not impressed by my logic. "Let them chew in the privacy of their own backyards," she said. "Ballplayers are role models for little kids. If ballplayers chew tobacco in public, kids will think it's cool, and they'll do it, too."

I hate that argument. I don't see why professional athletes have to assume the burden for raising the children of America. Parents are supposed to educate their kids about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, etc. Athletes ought to have the freedom to do whatever they want as long as they don't break the

law.

I told my wife all this but she wasn't convinced. "I still think athletes are role models," she said. "Look at the way our kid stands in front of the TV and studies every move they make."

I decided the argument was over and began to walk out of the room. "Not so fast," she said. "Let me ask you a question. Do you think it's fair to have rules at work?"

"What kind of rules?"

"Like your employer could ask you to dress a certain way, wear a coat and tie."

"Yeah, that's fair."

"And we already know smoking in the workplace is against the law."

"So what?" I said.

"It means people surrender their freedoms all the time," my wife said. She was smiling as if we were playing chess and she was maneuvering my queen into a trap.

"Do they have rules in baseball about how players must act and dress?" she asked.

"Yeah, sure," I said. "The uniform has to be clean, the shirt tucked in, the bill of the cap facing forward."

"Then they ought to be able to tell the players to stop chewing tobacco," she said. "A guy spitting brown stuff all over himself looks a lot worse than a backwards baseball cap."

"But you don't understand,"

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Watch out for St. Mary's, EC at state track

Panthers compete in 5 events; Gauchos will go after 4 medals

John Gardella

Records shattered at the Meet of Champions at Cal's Edwards Stadium, when St. Mary's High of La Salle in the 1,600

and his counterpart also came into the stretch and took earlier in the day had been nipped by George Jordan in the early four hundredths of

also qualified for the state finals in the 400 relay, the 100 meter dash, and the 200 meter dash.

Williams finished third behind Callen and Jordan in the 100 meter dash with a time of 22.56, compared to Callen's 21.93 and Jordan's 21.96.

Kwamin Taylor was competing in the 200 after placing fourth with a time of 49.34. SM finished fourth in the 400 relay with a time of 4:15.83.

SM fields a team with only one senior, the rest being freshmen and sophomores. So, Lawson expects

his team to peak some where on the road.

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Maurice Scott. In the MOC the

Gauchos finished second in the

event behind Logan, 3:43.19 to

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The most exciting moment at last Saturday's MOC track event: SM's Jafar Williams, right, edges De LaSalle's Leon Callen in the 1,600 relay.

EC's Tiffany White, left, goes after Logan's Carla Estes in last Saturday's MOC 1,600, but misses. Nevertheless, the Lady Gauchos will be going to state.



Star athletes play golf for boys & girls

Jim Plunkett, Joe Morgan, Marv Hubbard, Art Thomas and Morris Bradshaw are just a few of the sports legends who will be participating in the third annual Together for Youth Celebrity Golf Tournament, a benefit for Boys and Girls Clubs of Oakland and The Clem Daniels Youth Foundation.

Scheduled for Monday, June 10, individuals and teams from the East Bay will tee off at the Mira Vista Country Club in El Cerrito at 11:30 a.m.

In an era where the number of children at risk is growing at a rate that is overwhelming and the dropout rate is at an all-time high, Boys and Girls Clubs of Oakland provide a "safe haven" from their drug and crime infested environment. With a variety of programs designed to enhance the moral, educational and physical well-being of youth, the clubs and the Daniels Foundation offer positive solutions to a fear-ridden life.

Tickets to the event are \$200 per person. Corporate sponsorships are still available. For tickets and further information, call 444-8211.

What makes de Latour go? Panther swims with passion

By Lisa Coffey Mahoney

Elite level swimmer Alex de Latour can't really pinpoint what has kept him motivated to strive for the top in the pool for the past 10 years.

"I'm not sure," says the senior from Berkeley's St. Mary's High, adding that he's never considered his intensive swimming training a chore. If he felt it was a chore he wouldn't go to practice. I'd just stay home," he says honestly.

Greg Kubicki, head coach of Oakland Barracuda Aquatics, de Latour's U.S. swim team, believes the swimmer simply has an extraordinary appetite for the sport.

"Alex's motivation and passion for the sport even surpasses mine," says Kubicki. "I've dedicated my career to the sport, but when you have an athlete that has so much passion you can't enjoy that experience

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Alex de Latour heads east to swim before going to Cornell in the fall.

All Stars, Generals, Yams, win holiday ABGSL tilts

The Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League played an abbreviated schedule over the holiday weekend.

YOUNGER DIVISION

Nolo Press Sharks vs. Andronico's All Stars

After All Star Danielle Moore and Shark Sascha Atkins-Loria traded RBI triples in the 1st inning, it appeared that the Sharks defense would shut down the All Stars in the 2nd. Nolo's rocket-armed shortstop Victoria Rohrer opened the inning by firing two missiles to 1st for quick outs.

But then Andronico's Hannah Johnson hit an RBI single, and run-scoring doubles by Moore, Claire Wilkens, and Richelle Porter capped

a 6-run, 2-out rally. Nolo came back with RBI singles by Alana Kopke and Jessica Dervin-Ackerman in the bottom of the 2nd. The 4th was the best defensive inning, as each team held the other scoreless.

In the top of the inning, All Star Sacha Maxwell hit what everyone assumed was a home run — everyone but Maxwell's old soccer teammate Corryn Brodsky. That is, Brodsky nonchalantly snagged the line drive for a routine out.

But the All Stars couldn't be stopped, least of all the redoubtable Wilkens, whose 2-RBI triple in the 5th and unassisted double play in the 6th dominated the late innings. In the end, the All Stars overcame the Sharks attack, 21-11.

MIDDLE DIVISION

Five Star Video Generals vs. Alta Bates All Stars

At long last a breakthrough! In a five inning game, the Video Generals recorded their first win, a 13-6 victory over the Alta Bates All Stars.

The 1st inning saw a great double play by General Krislyn Patterson at 1st, and good field work by Rosie Moorhead and Meagan Drescher for the All Stars.

Pitchers for both teams saw a lot of action for most of the game, highlighted by 3 strikeouts for All Star Elizabeth Pfeiffer in the 2nd inning and Krislynn Patterson who recorded a strikeout and 2 putouts for Five Star. All Star pitcher Rosie Moorhead made 2 putouts in the 3rd for the All

Stars to go with Kirsten Bender's great catch at 3rd.

The All Star bats came alive in the third with a double by Ramona Gonzalez and Rosie Moorhead for 2 RBI.

Defense was strong for the Generals in the 4th with pitcher Caitlin Drulis catching the pop fly and doubling up the runner at 1st

In the 5th, the All Stars enjoyed a 3 -up, 3-down inning thanks to pitcher Lizzie Lesch's 3 strikeouts. All Star Lydia Chilton rallied her team with a 2-RBI triple followed by a 2-RBI single by Ramona Gonzalez.

But it was too late. A great catch by Elizabeth Ali at short put an end to the rally and saved the game for the Generals.

OLDER DIVISION

Jesse Young Construction vs. Sweet Potatoes

Sweet Potatoes began and ended the game with a 6-run innings, but Jesse Young combined good pitching in the middle innings and a steady offensive onslaught to nip the Yams, 19-17.

The 6-run Sweet Potato 1st was keyed by a 2-run home run by Sonia Douglass and RBI singles by Ellie Knecht and Eleanor Smith. In the next inning, Julia Sheng escaped a run-down between 3rd and home to score. Olga Noris then hit a triple and stole home to give the Potatoes a 9-6 lead after 2.

Beginning in the 3rd, Jesse Young's defense began to stiffen

Good pitching and a nice catch by Ali at short put an end to the rally and saved the game for the Generals.

In the next inning, increased its lead. However, off with a solo home run followed with a 2-RBI run fifth provided a 19-11 cushion going into the final inning. Potatoes made it close together.

But the 6 runs were late and Young was able to get the lead and come away



Inhabit a kayak, catch an halibut

By Elaine Merrill

Feeling as flat as an halibut? Cal Adventures has a new hook to reel in those who don't find sea kayaking challenging enough by itself. On two upcoming Sundays, groups of paddlers will leave the dock at 7 a.m. and head for the end of the Berkeley Pier for a session of halibut fishing.

Participants will need to have completed the Cal Adventures basic kayaking course or its equivalent. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person. Cal Adventures sponsors many other kayaking classes and expeditions. It also offers backpacking, fly fishing, rafting, rock climbing, rowing, sailing, skiing and windsurfing. Also, weekly lessons and outdoor activities are available for children 7 years and older. Anyone needing more information can call Cal Adventures, 642-4000.

Swim

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enough. I'm going to miss that a lot."

de Latour's commitment to swimming has paid off numerous times, most recently resulting in stellar performances at the North Coast Section swimming trials and finals at San Ramon's California High last weekend.

de Latour's lead-off leg time of 47.06 seconds in the 400-yard free relay was good enough to make the Junior National cut (47.29) in the 100-yard free.

"Since he was the first swimmer in the relay his time counts as an official time for the 100-yard free," explained Kubicki.

de Latour also swam a lifetime best of 4:32.78 seconds in the 500-yard free at the NCS trials. "He went almost three seconds faster than his previous best time," said Kubicki. "He's a little more than four seconds off the Senior National cut (4:28.39). Seeded first going into the finals, de Latour swam a 4:34 to place second.

In the 200-yard free, de Latour went 1:40.1 to place second in the finals.

The swimmer, who will attend Cornell in the fall, travels to Atlanta this weekend to participate in a swimming distance camp, which will be held at the site of the Olympic games.

de Latour heads to Ft. Lauderdale next weekend to compete in the National High School Swimming

Championships. He's slated to swim in the 200- and 500-yard free events. He's also been nominated as an All-American in the 100, 200 and 500-yard free.

Kubicki acknowledges that de Latour has a lot of talent, but believes it's his mind set that makes him a winner.

"He can perform under extreme pressure. When the bell sounds he's always ready to go," says the coach. "That's a quality that's rare. I'd like to see more of it in other athletes."

de Latour's father, Michel de Latour, a lieutenant for the Berkeley Police Department, believes his son has gained many benefits from swimming.

"Most parents go nuts with getting teenagers focused on something," he says. "Swimming is a process that supplies a lot of incremental goals, like getting A, AA, Q, PRT, then NRT times. This keeps the kids excited about the sport and focused on their goals."

The swimmer admits that it's been a challenge balancing school work and swimming. "I just did my schoolwork whenever I had time," says de Latour, who holds a 3.2 grade point average. "I would go to workout, then come home and eat dinner and do homework. I spent a lot of time on weekends doing schoolwork, too."

de Latour anticipates collegiate level swimming will be an exciting challenge. "I'll be swimming with a group of guys who are really dedicated. I think it will be really cool."



St. Mary swimmer Alex de Latour

Though it's hard for Kubicki to see his athletes move on, he expects to stay in contact with them. "The way I view it the kids are family," says the coach. "I like to stay in contact with them and I want to know what's going on with them."

"When they're in college I still expect that they'll come back and train with the team during school breaks and summer vacation."

The transition from U.S.S. to collegeswimming can be quite dramatic, according to Kubicki, but he has no doubts that de Latour will be able to rise to the challenge and be a leader on his Ivy League swim team. "The expectations in my program are high," he says, "but they are even higher in college. They want you to perform

and if you don't they can be gracious about it. It's much higher.

The coach says he is sure de Latour would be a success in college swimming.

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Net volunteers needed for special event

Volunteers are needed for a tennis event at the California Tennis Center. The event is held at the California Tennis Center, 1000 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. For more information, call 415-774-1000.

Cohn

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I said, "Chewing and spitting are part of baseball's tradition."

My wife grinned. "That's pretty lame," she said. "Just because they always did it one way doesn't mean they always have to. Sportswriters used to smoke in the press box, but that's been banned. Traditions change. If Major League Baseball tells players it's no longer part of the

behavior and dress code to dribble tobacco juice all over their uniforms, the players will complain, but they'll adapt. Some day they'll see old videos and realize how stupid they looked."

My wife asked me what I thought of her argument, and I said it was weak.

"In what way?" she asked. "Give me a couple of days to think about it," I said, trying to wriggle out of the argument. I hate to admit defeat.



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Number 147 in a series of true experiences in real estate. This week they had teachers' appreciation day at my children's school. Volunteers were needed to help serve lunch and, failing that, provide a dessert. I couldn't see how I could be at school during the day so I brought a cake, but it seemed a pitifully small gesture. One cake on one day—not nearly enough to express my feelings. To the teachers who have taught my children are heroes. I have never been there during school to experience first hand what it's like, but I'd love to. It's gotten to the point that I can only wait to find out what my kids have learned in class today. "What's your homework tonight?" What projects are you supposed to be working on?" I ask every night.

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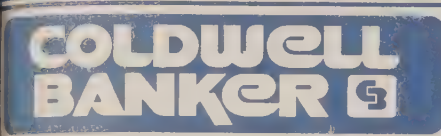
"Endangered species? Mathematical probability?—I know nothing about that. Shakespeare? Really? Build a solar oven? How will you do it?" Annie and Nick, who are in the fifth and sixth grades, are not especially devoted students. I've heard more than once from their lips, "I don't have to do that, it's only for extra credit." Or "I wrote five sentences and that's all I'm going to write." They're used to my disappointment, my cries to them about their responsibilities. "Get everything you can from your teacher this year," I say, knowing that they may not be able to hear. "This teacher is exceptional." What I want, of course, is for them to be excited about learning, anxious to go the extra mile, thrilled even by new ideas. And once in a while they are. A few days ago my son surprised me by standing in the kitchen while I made his bag lunch and reading to me parts of Ulysses. He wanted to share with me how good this book is. He also had a question. "Listen to this part, Mom," he said. "It says they went on a ship

from this place to this other place but they don't tell about the trip. I want to know what happened on the way. Why didn't they write that?" What do you know? My son found the story too short; he yearned for more. Isn't that wonderful? Once I was talking to a man who reads everything he can get his hands on. He was telling me with some excitement about his current find. "Were you always a reader?" I asked. "Oh no," he said. "In fact my parents thought I would never learn to read." "But then a teacher gave me a particular book—I think I was in fifth grade—and it was so good, I just couldn't stop. That book changed my life." This year in fifth grade Anne was exposed to everything from Shakespeare to human bones to the Civil War. Much of it was interesting to us both. I was amazed, for example, to find how much we got involved in the Civil War. We read together journal writings of soldiers who suffered terribly for what they believed in. For the first time in both our lives, Annie and I have an appreciation for these people who proudly

clung to their principles. Certainly we learned more than I was taught in history when I was going to school. Nick has been doing some excellent writing—really good, thoughtful writing. And increasing his vocabulary, sometimes with words I don't know. The typical weekly list includes words like cantankerous, ostentatious, prevaricate, tumultuous. My kids and I make up ways to memorize definitions and facts. We taught ourselves to form mind pictures to trigger the information they need to know. We had fun doing it. They now know that it is possible to memorize just about anything. As real estate agents we are frequently asked about the local schools. Are they worthy? What are the test scores? I can only answer with my own experience. I've talked to many parents who are not pleased with the schools. They will send their children to private schools if they can afford them or they will move to Orinda, Piedmont or Albany—wherever in their estimation their children will receive their best education.

I can't argue with this and I don't. No doubt some of the parents whose children share the same classes with my kids feel the same way. Probably some of them are making plans to move now, especially before their kids enter junior high, a notoriously difficult transition for kids and their families. When I'm asked about the schools this is what I say: If I'd been living in Spain, say, and I had known that my children could have had the opportunity to be at the Joaquin Miller School, I would have moved here, for I am impressed and I am grateful beyond anything that I can express for what my children have received. I think that teaching is a very hard job. I don't see how the teachers keep up their enthusiasm and their energy. They come to school every day and work with too many kids, each one different from the other. They fit in huge demands on their time. Beyond the state required curriculum there are projects for raising money, school assemblies and extra events, library and computer time, parent conferences, science fairs, etc.

But they do it all, many of them excellently and, more often than not, appear to enjoy it. My suggestion to anyone wondering about a particular school is to go there, talk to the staff, go into the classes, contact other parents of students. Because your expectations will be your own, because schools, teachers and kids are different too, you'll undoubtedly hear both encouraging and disappointing news. You will have to decide what is best for you and your own children. And may I suggest too that if you already have a child in school, make today your teachers' appreciation day. Every one of us needs cheering on, acknowledgement of our work. You could bake a cake. Or you and your child, whatever his or her age, could write a note thanking your teacher for choosing teaching as a career. Please do it. Anet Tarpoff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.



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86 Salmon Rd. - \$329,000
2608 San Jose Ave. - \$159,000
933 Shoreline Dr. - \$140,000
3022 Thompson - \$258,000

ALBANY
1056 Cornell Ave. - \$240,000
618 Evelyn Ave. - \$129,000
1230 Portland - \$165,000
904 Washington - \$190,000

BERKELEY
1903 7th St. - \$170,000
2706 MLK Jr. - \$137,000
1505 Altamont - \$265,000
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1729 Via Barrett - \$173,000
1737 Via Lacqua - \$155,000
15941 Via Media - \$153,000
1743 Via Redondo - \$185,000
15765 Via Sonata - \$159,000
15719 Via Sorrento - \$174,500

SALES STATS BY CITY
ALAMEDA
TOTAL REPORTED: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$140,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$329,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$231,687

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$129,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$240,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$181,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL REPORTED: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$137,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$375,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$258,833

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$382,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$213,357

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$138,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$180,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$156,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 34
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$625,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$233,941

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$366,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$325,750

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$117,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$230,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$184,366

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$119,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$185,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$159,785

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Aldersly: a Dutch treat for the elderly in Marin

Tucked away in Marin's lush wooded Dominican College neighborhood against the backdrop of majestic Mount Tamalpais, a vibrant garden community has been flourishing for 75 years.

The Aldersly retirement community may be little known to some, but to the seniors who engage in active, healthy retirement living built on rich Danish cultural heritage and carried out in the true California tradition, it's the place they gladly call home.

Aldersly (translated: "shelter for the aged") is a unique alternative to retirement living, offering the best of both worlds: all the comforts and amenities of a Marin life-style with the grace and flair of old Europe.

It's a place where residents enjoy lush gardens and share in colorful Danish festivities, or find refuge in their handsomely-appointed apartments with the security of round-the-clock medical care. Whatever the case may be, Aldersly provides all the benefits of independence without the burden of home management — and all on three beautifully landscaped acres.

"At Aldersly, we're dedicated to serving the needs and improving the quality of life of older people

from varied cultural backgrounds according to the Danish spirit of respect for their elderly," says President of the Board of John Torp.

"We believe that a vibrant yet intimate environment for an active and comfortable style."

Founded in 1921 by Danish immigrants as a non-profit for the purpose of their elderly, Aldersly has a haven for people from all life. The some 100 residents live in one of 66 single and one-bedroom apartments with private bathrooms.

These units include: carpeting, customized fully-equipped kitchens, closets, and an emergency system supplying 24-hour assistance. In addition, a 20-bed state-of-the-art nursing facility, ensuring residents will have a home at the end of their retirement.

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When it's your move...

Gramma's Rose Garden Inn: charm on Telegraph Avenue

By Amy Chu Finkel

Two venerable houses preside over a block on Telegraph Avenue across from Willard Jr. High School in Berkeley. The houses were built in 1903 and 1906 by James and John Marshall, two brothers in the concrete business who paved all the sidewalks in Berkeley.

Seventeen years ago Kathy Kuhner bought the original Marshall mansion (now called the Main House) and tuned it into Gramma's Rose Garden Inn, a bed and breakfast establishment. (The "gramma" honors Kathy's Irish grandmother, who ran a boarding house in Boston.) Several years later Kathy bought "Fay House" (named for Dr. Jewel Fay, who lived there for over sixty years) enlarging Gramma's and uniting the properties.

A pair of towering palm trees that predate the houses stand sentinel, rising high in the air over Gramma's. Splashing color between the sidewalk and the faux stone pillars that punctuate a neatly

trimmed hedge are nasturtiums, foxglove, cineraria, and cosmos (which are making a valiant comeback despite having been "removed" three years ago). The interior of the garden awaits discovery by those who walk beyond the hedge through one of the white trellises and onto the grounds.

Inside, traffic noise melts away. We seem to have left the real world and entered a landscape painting of an English country garden. To the right is the Central Garden, a large semicircular bed in front of the Tudor-style Main House. Landscape designer Bob Clark and associate, Raoul Zumba brought in new soil to promote dense, lush growth, and, with the use of rock, they achieved a tiered effect. This garden abounds with life: lamb's ears, lavatera, salvias, and roses, roses, roses.

There are roses, delphiniums and bulbs edging the long rock-lined pathway that winds across the wide expanse of lawn in front of Fay House. The stone chimney of Fay House has surrendered to an ambitious climbing rose. The pure white,

sweet-smelling Iceberg rose be-decks the dark green pergola on the far side of Fay House. Thus adorned, the pergola conceals the cutting garden where there might be fifty or more rose bushes in raised beds waiting to be planted out. In all, there are twenty different kinds of roses, including David Austin, Iceberg, Betty Prior, Carefree Wonder, Carefree Delight and Cecile Brunner.

Bob, Raoul and Kathy enjoy working together and playing with different palettes. While the front is all pastels, the back gardens host bolder hues. The Fountain Courtyard in front of the Carriage House is, in Kathy's words, "our gaudy garden": yellow roses, chartreuse bamboo, and purple salvias encircle the fountain with its figures of children under an umbrella. For the Back Garden by the Cottage, using lots of gorgeous dahlias, Kathy has chosen a palette of primary colors.

Planter boxes brimming with blossoms and pots of flowers everywhere contribute to the cheerful exuberance of this urban oasis.



The garden atmosphere of Gramma's Rose Garden Inn's dining room complements the establishment's mouthwatering Sunday brunch.

Jeff Lindquist

15-year mortgage new refi vehicle

Borrowers refinancing 30-year fixed-rate mortgages in the first quarter of 1996 chose 15-year mortgages 29 percent of the time, up from 23 percent in the fourth quarter of 1995, according to the latest study of conventional mortgage refinancing activity by Freddie Mac.

The increased popularity of 15-year mortgages was driven by low mortgage rates in the first quarter, noted Freddie Mac Senior Economist Vassilis Lekkas.

"Fifteen-year mortgages are primarily a refinance product," said Lekkas. "Borrowers who want to build equity in their homes more quickly often choose a 15-year mortgage when refinancing, particularly when rates are as low as they were in the first quarter."

According to the Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 15-year mortgage rate hit a three-year low in mid-February at 6.44 percent, about two percentage points lower than the 15-

year rate the same time a year ago. However, the run-up in mortgage rates since mid-February will likely slow the trend to 15-year mortgages, said Lekkas. The latest survey reported the 15-year rate at 7.43 percent.

While 15-year mortgages were more popular in the first quarter, refinancing borrowers with 30-year fixed-rate mortgages clearly preferred them. The survey showed that 63 percent of existing 30-year fixed-rate mortgage borrowers refinanced into a new one, down from 70 percent in the fourth quarter.

Adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) continued to receive little interest from borrowers. According to the survey, six percent of existing ARM borrowers refinanced into a new one, down from 8 percent in the fourth quarter. Moreover, 80 percent of ARM borrowers refinanced into either a 30- or a 15-year fixed rate mortgage in the first period.

Just 2 and 3 percent of five- and seven-year balloon borrowers, re-

spectively, refinanced into an ARM in the first quarter.

Borrowers holding balloon mortgages also tended to favor new 30- or 15-year fixed rate mortgages. Approximately 55 percent of five-year balloon borrowers and 43 percent of seven-year borrowers refinanced into new 30-year fixed rate mortgages.

"With long-term fixed rates so low in the first quarter, refinancing borrowers clearly showed a preference for the payment stability of 30- and 15-year fixed rate mortgages," said Lekkas.

"However, if long-term fixed mortgage rates continue to climb faster than short-term rates, we would probably see refinancing activity shift to ARMs or balloons."

The Freddie Mac study looked at loans homeowners chose when refinancing, and is based on mortgages for which Freddie Mac purchased both the original and refinanced loans.

Tap into all gardening resources

When I started in the field of horticulture, it was with my trusty lawn mower. I dragged that mower across country from Massachusetts. I could not bear to leave my new mower behind as I set forth on a new adventure.

Cutting grass does not take much horticultural knowledge. As my interest in horticulture grew, my knowledge increased and I branched out into garden maintenance, garden design and irrigation design.

Working in residential landscape maintenance for seven years has given me a perspective that aids in my design work. I not only try to design the garden to be aesthetically pleasing, but also to be manageable for the customer's pocketbook and gardener.

My recent experience with a couple of customers leads me to this article. The premise is that if you have a maintenance gardener—one who knows plants—then when you have changes made at your home in the garden or in the "hardscape" (walls, patios, driveways, walkways, etc.) you should consider using the expertise of that person.

Case in point: I had a customer that did a great deal of drain work

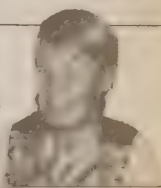
around the house. It entailed trenching through sidewalks and under patios. Why would you consult your gardener? Parts of the landscape did not have irrigation supplied to them. The simple addition of a conduit under the trenched patio and sidewalk would have enabled irrigation to be supplied to those areas then or at a later date.

The point I am trying to make is that you cannot and are not expected to anticipate all the ramifications the home improvements may have on your gardens. An opening in the sidewalk and patio created an ideal opportunity to access water to unirrigated portions of the garden.

In another case a customer had the entire landscape redesigned. This included plant materials, hardscape and irrigation. After the installation was completed I was asked to meet with the design installer. The purpose was to go over the proper care of the plant material.

The new design was a vast improvement. It brought color and diversity into what was a very staid landscape. Unfortunately, as the person that had to maintain that beauty, I noticed a number of nightmarish problems unforeseen by the designer. This is not a jab at

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JAN HALL

the designer, for they did a spectacular job. My job is maintenance, therefore, I view the landscape from that angle.

Roses were a prime component of the design and all had been installed with overhead spray. Roses hate overhead spray. The twin fungal disease of rust and blackspot just can't wait to infect wet plants. Maintaining these roses would be an ongoing nightmare.

The new lawn was magnificent—it was the appropriate grass for the area. Yet it had no border or edge. Visually it was pleasing, but maintenance wise it would require use of an edger to prevent it from creeping into the perennial gardens. More work in maintenance means more money for the homeowner.

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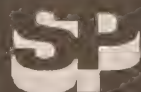
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Resources... Keeping homes fire safe

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in your landscape—even a new driveway—it is well worth consulting your gardener to see if there is any impact that will be made upon the gardens. It could affect the drainage and put added water into the garden. Perhaps a conduit should be added so that you can add irrigation or lighting to the sides of the driveway at a later date.

Are you planning on adding a new outside light? Perhaps the gardener would suggest that you add an electrical outlet at the same time so that they could access it for trimming or pruning.

Each of us brings a different perspective to a job. The more perspectives you have than the better able you are to anticipate future problems and solutions. That old axiom that two heads are better than one is a truth.

Jan Hall is the owner of Plympton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 758-6946.

Browse the 'Net

The California Living Network (<http://usa.living.net>) is available to Internet browsers. The address has information about over 200,000 real-estate listings.

The Oakland Fire Department announced the implementation of its Security Bar Inspection and Smoke Detector Inspection/Installation Program, effective May 1. The purpose of these programs is to assist Oakland residents in making their homes safer in the effort to reduce the annual number of fire deaths in the city of Oakland.

Fire Department personnel will conduct window security bar and smoke detector inspections, as needed, when engine and truck companies are dispatched to Oakland residences on any type of response. Firefighters will also use these opportunities to install smoke detectors and educate residents on their responsibility in being certain that these detectors remain functional.

The Fire Prevention Bureau will provide follow-up services on window security bar inspections by working with homeowners and landlords to ensure that these programs keep Oakland homes safe.

Oakland residents who need their window safety bars checked should call 238-6990 to schedule an inspection. Low-income residents may also request a free smoke detector for their homes by calling 238-3851.

Aldersly...

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assistance that Aldersly offers. Residents, aged 62 or more, join the community with an affordable entrance fee, and then pay monthly fees depending upon the type of unit they select. Among the amenities included are:

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For more information about Aldersly and space availability, contact Joanne Maxwell, Administrator, at Aldersly, 326 Mission Ave., San Rafael 94901, or call 415/453-7425.

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First American Title Company employees helped KQED raise \$50,000 during its December Pledge Drive.

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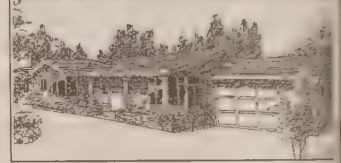
CITY CONVENIENT, COUNTRY QUIET \$560,000
Where else can you find maximum privacy close to all conveniences on extra large lot all on one level. Beautiful grounds, au pair, right here in the city?

DAWN ELLIS 287-2648



PIEDMONT PINES - UNIQUE CUSTOM! \$499,000
Wonderful cul-de-sac location. 3036 sq ft on .25 acres. 10 years old. Great outdoor living in private setting.

CAROL COHEN 339-8400



HORSE LOVERS \$495,000
Delightful ranch home on more than an acre w/wonderful horse barn. Private cul-de-sac location. Large eat-in kitchen w/ huge master suite w/fireplace. Hardwood floors. Very nice.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



SENSATIONAL BAY & CITY VIEWS! \$399,000
Traditional shires in upper Oakmore! 4BR, 3.5BA, formal dining room, 2 kitchens, 2 fireplaces, family room. Level, private yard w/spa. Pano views, cul-de-sac serenity!

HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400



GRACIOUS & CHARMING DUPLEX \$325,000
Piedmont Ave area brown shingle duplex provides discreet income or large family living arrangement. Two splendid addresses for the price of one.

ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842



MONTCLAIR - YOU'LL LOVE THIS ONE \$304,000
4BR, 2BA quality traditional in the heart of Montclair. Great floor plan w/separation of space. Great fenced backyard - great for kids. Formal dining room, remodeled sunny kitchen, large deck.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



PRISTINE UPPER LAUREL SHINGLE \$249,000
Perfect in every detail! 3 new quality baths, gorgeous new kitchen. All new foundation & systems! Great old world detail. Beautiful street. Must sell!

STEVEN BIASATTI 339-6150

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

ADAMS POINT - 15 UNITS \$925,000
An exceptional value! All 1BR, very nice condition. Short on downpayment? Maybe owner will assist! Could be value of the year. Look over then call to see! HAL MARCUS 287-5886

OLD WORLD CHARM \$895,000
Hand-stenciled ceilings, peaceful verandas, cascading fountains. 4BR, 3.5BA, au-pair possibilities, master suite w/sitting room. SUE WILLIAMS 482-5077

DRAMA & SOPHISTICATION \$599,000
4BR, 3.5BA contemp on 1/3 of an acre w/total seclusion. Breathtaking master suite w/frp light & bright high ceilings, large FDR, great kit, wrap-around deck. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

STOP PAYING THE LANDLORD'S MORTGAGE! \$575,000
Own this bright, cheerful condo for yourself! Sparkling pool, sauna, new paint & carpeting, fee includes heat, insurance, trash, excellent location! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

NEW CONSTRUCTION - VIEWS!!! \$515,000
Almost completed - stunning architectural details. Traditional design on lg lot w/level backyard. 3BR, 2.5BA CAROL COHEN 339-8400

LANDSCAPER'S PARADISE \$469,000
Landscape this special property and immediately increase its value! Spacious 4BR w/cathedral ceiling, hwd flrs, fam rm, sun rm, spa, over an acre! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

PIEDMONT PINES OPPORTUNITY \$429,000
3BR, 3BA contemp w/mayor decks. Pano views of the Oakland Hills. Vaulted/beamed ceilings, massive family rm, lots of storage, hardwood floors under carpet. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

PRIME ROCKRIDGE LOCATION! \$419,000
1st time on market in 27 yrs! Elegant & gracious. 3BR, 2+BA, family room, beautiful garden & patio. Easy walk to College Ave. VICKIE CHAN CASE 339-8400

CONTEMPORARY HIDE-A-WAY!! \$399,000
Very low on payment moves you in. Assume huge loan! Major price reduction on this 4BR + family room in Montclair. Don't miss this value! EDITH MARCUS 287-5886

DRAMATIC MONTCLAIR CONTEMP \$375,000
Located on sunny side of Montclair. 4BR, 3BA, 3 frp, master suite sitting area, FDR, fam rm, decks, balconies, hot tub, only 4 yrs old. Excl condition! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

HAVE THE KIDS MOVED OUT? \$359,000
Light & spacious Quality 3+BR, 1.5BA traditional. Hwd flrs, level sunny yard. Best North Berkeley location. Large new sunny kitchen. MARK ATTARHA 339-4000

PRIVACY - LEVEL IN-MINI FARM \$329,000
Secluded area- Montclair schools. 4BR, 3BA, 2 kitchen, 2 stories, 2 decks Wonderful flowered patio & large back yard w/fruit trees, terraced veg garden. CAROLYNN HARTLEY 272-9030

LOVELY STREET - PIEDMONT BORDER... \$329,000
Trad family home w/spa work area or au pair space. 3+BR, hardwood floors, private alley access w/2 garages. Walk to Lakeshore Ave. LOIS C. JOHNSON 339-8400

NO PAYMENT FOR 1ST 4 MONTHS. \$325,000
Attn: Gourmet cooks gourmet kit w/6 burner w/ range, fam rm, tri-level, decks, very private. FDR loaded w/large storage space. Bought another, ready to go. Seller will pay first 4 months of buyer's PITI HAL MARCUS 287-5886

POOL PARTY! \$325,000
Au pair or added space for fam & friends in this quality built 3BR, 2BA w/lap sized pool. Second kitchen perfect for party fixings. ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842

OLD WORLD CHARM, CUSTOM MEDITERR \$315,000
Beautifully maintained 4BR, 2.5BA, sunken LR w/frp, FDR, approx 500 sq ft bonus rm. Great for game rm or home office, shown by appointment only. CALL TODAY! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY ENGLISH \$315,000
Oakmore traditional in perfect condition. Huge park-like yard, perfect for kids & gardeners. New roof. Good space for home office, too. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

STRETCH YOUR DOLLAR \$299,000
2-story traditional over 2300 sq ft. Extra large rooms, FDR, sunny level out garden, walk to lake & shops, easy S.F. commute. M.J. McCONVILLE 287-9583

YOUR OWN PLAYGROUND \$299,000
Sunfilled spacious Upper Rockridge home on fabulous large lot. Woodsy views, quiet street, great floor plan for entertaining. 3BR, 1.5 BA. M.J. McCONVILLE 287-9583

WOODSY CUL-DE-SAC SETTING \$299,000
Montclair family home w/large lot & level patio areas. Flexible floor plan has 4BR, 2.5 BA, family room and much more! Walk to excellent elem school. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

SAN FRANCISCO BAY VIEWS \$299,000
Smashing unique townhouse in exclusive private 21 home complex. New carpets and paint. Over 2000 sq ft of carefree living. CAROL OR MARTHA 339-8400

YOUR OWN SHANGRI-LA \$298,900
3BR, 2.5 BA, spectacular LR, w/frp, fam rm off kitchen, mstr suite w/bath, walk to Montclair Swim Club, 2-car garage attached w/ interior access. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

SF & BAY VIEW! \$289,000
New listing! Lost of house for the \$! New paint and carpets. Spacious 4BR, 2BA w/huge family room. Super value! LYN MURRAY 339-8400

CHEERFUL HOME & RENTAL COTTAGE \$279,000
Oakland Hills on over 1/3 acre laden w/fruit trees & lawns. 3BR, 2BA, family rm & dining rm in main house. Separate quaint cottage- 1BR, 1BA, 2 car garage. HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

READY TO MOVE IN, ALL THE WORK IS DONE! \$259,000
Stylish contemporary, with wooded view, all new expansive decks, upgraded kitchen & baths. 3BR, 2BA, hardwood floors. CALL TODAY! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

MOVE RIGHT IN - OPEN SUNDAY \$255,000
Super clean 3BR on .23 acre lot in San Leandro North Area. Master retreat, jacuzzi, family room & gourmet kit. Over 2200 sq ft. Stop by 390 Breed. EARLE SHENK 287-9590

MED DUPLEX OFF LAKESHORE AVE \$249,000
Extra large 1BR, w/fireplace, parking, laundry needs TLC but what a winner. Owner paid 30K, more than asking. BARGAIN OF THE YEAR!!! HAL MARCUS 287-5886

GRAND & GRACIOUS \$239,000
Victorian charm, full of space and sunlight. New kitchen, baths, 2 fireplaces, full basement & attic. See this one ASAP! ELAINE JONES 547-5715

UNBELIEVABLE VALUE! \$238,000
Oakmore 3 bedroom built like a fortress! Needs your decorating touches. Level yard and pretty hill view. Many extras. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

LOOKING FOR YOUR FIRST HOME? \$229,500
Then start here in this 3 bedroom bungalow on a quiet cul-de-sac you can enjoy a loving rm w/fireplace - eat-in kit & a large level lot. MORRIS FEIGENBERG 547-6975

LIVE - WORK - ENJOY! \$229,000
Excellent Glenview location - Floorplan is perfect for home office! Large sunny yard, quiet street. Includes 3BR, 2BA formal dining plus study! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

ROCKRIDGE CRAFTSMAN \$225,000
Original charm! Large entry, hardwood, formal dining, built-in window seats & large sunny yard in full bloom! Walk to BART, College Ave. Call to see today! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

NEW LISTING - ALBANY \$225,000
Great location - Between Solano & Mann. Ready for you to move in 3BR, 2BA Close to schools. JENNIE LIPPINCOTT 655-7137

CROCKER HIGHLANDS - CRAFTSMAN \$220,000
3BR, 1.5BA, living room w/fireplace, breakfast room, FDR w/built-in, deep lot. This home needs a craftsman aficionado to restore it to it's original grandeur. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

AT LAST... YOUR OWN HOME \$219,000
Completely refurbished 3BR, 2.5BA over 2000 sq ft in Redwood Heights - shaped - RDR combo New carpet/linoleum/paint. Eat-in kit w/desk. Fam rm w/frp. Just move in. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

90'S ART DECO-MONTCLAIR \$219,000
New construction in 1988. All 90's perfect w/Euro kitchen. Light oak hardwood. Track lighting. 3 stories. Master suite. Pano valley view. Garages. HAL CASTLE 339-9778

GLENVIEW-NEW EXCLUSIVE \$217,000
Absolutely wonderful extra large 2 bedroom. Prime Glenview home that oozes charm from every room. This one won't last. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

CUTE AS CAN BE \$209,500
Craftsman style bungalow on quiet dead end street in friendly Alameda. Sparkles & original 2BR w/large dining room, eat-in kitchen, fabulous yard. EDITH MARCUS 287-5886

SUPER PRICE \$209,000
Reduced \$40K. 4BR, 2BA in Haddon Hill neighborhood. Add your touches to hwd flrs, FDR, rem kit, basement, beamed ceilings. Don't let this get away. Close to all. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

GLENVIEW DOLL HOUSE \$199,000
Gardeners delight- lots of yard to grow with. Lovingly restored bungalow. Move-in condition. All appliances stay. Sunny bright spacious rooms. CAROLYNN HARTLEY 272-9030

DETAILS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE \$199,000
Idiom Park Mediterranean. From the wrought iron to the sconces, this is truly a 30's home for the 90's. Very large yard. Very nice neighborhood. MICHAEL HARDINGS 654-0888

NEW LISTING IN UPPER LAUREL \$188,000
Just listed! Best value in Laurel. 4BR, 2BA bungalow in excellent condition. Very nice outdoor space w/deck & spa. Open Sunday 2-4:30. C. COHEN & CASE 339-8400

MAXWELL PARK BEAUTY \$188,000
4BR, 2BA, large sunny yard, move-in condition. Kitchen w/separate breakfast area. Large LR/D. SUE WILLIAMS 482-5077

CHARMING TUDOR \$175,000
Storybook street of classic homes features 3BR, breakfast room, arched doorways, FDR, bsmt, hwd flrs. M.J. McCONVILLE 287-9583

SUPER SWEET HOME! \$159,900
Reduced! Move right in to this 3BR, 2BA home in quiet Millsmont neighborhood. Large level yard & 2-car garage. Great value! LYN MURRAY 339-8400

STOP. LOOK. AND LISTEN. \$158,500
Millsmont. Oversized 2 BR on double level lot in the hills. Fireplace, FDR, double garage, huge patio. Just reduced! owners motivated. KEN FERRELL 654-0888

BROOKLYN DISTRICT \$148,500
Colorful Victorian 3BR/2BA, high ceilings, interesting moldings, light fixtures, basement unfinished. private backyard w/spa. VICTOR FIERA 339-8400

HOME PLUS INCOME!! \$140,000
A 3BR home plus a 2BR, all on 1 lot. It helps pay the mortgage. Very large lot, a good value for the money. Look it over. HAL MARCUS 287-5886

NEW LISTING - PIED PINES CONDO \$129,000
Woodminster District above Hi 13. Large 2BR, second floor private deck w/pastoral hill view. Parking garage. Low maintenance. Security. Near shopping, transportation. HAL CASTLE 339-9778

OWNER WILL SACRIFICE CONDO \$112,000
\$16,000 price reduction! Very spacious 2BR, 2BA unit on first floor of exceptional 27 unit building. Master bedroom suite w/walk-in closet. Great opportunity. EDITH MARCUS 287-5886

MOVE RIGHT IN! \$110,000
Very special 2BR 3BA condo that has been lovingly cared for. Fireplace in living room. Formal dining room. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

CHEAPER THAN RENT \$72,000
Best condo building in Oakland w/pool & sauna. Top location affords lots of light & great view. convenient to BART commute. 1 bedroom. Walk to lake. M.J. McCONVILLE 287-9583

Events

The Events Calendar does not accept-for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 319-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

Join the Northern California Land Trust on Fri., May 31, from 4 to 7 p.m. for an **Open House and Tour** of the newly completed Shattuck Avenue Co-op., 3011

Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. Learn about an innovative co-op program that is making home ownership affordable in the Bay Area. Call Teresa Clarke at 548-7878.

Truitt and White Lumber Co., 624 Hearst Ave., Berkeley presents "Andersen's Worry-Free Windows and Doors," Sat., June 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Learn what's new with Andersen's efficient, worry-free

products: newly designed casement windows, simulated divided light with the new profile tilt-wash windows and a unique glass art collection. Reservations required. Call 649-2674.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley, hosts **Installing Windows, Doors and Skylights; How to Get Your Building Permit Approved and Finish Carpentry: Hands-On** on Sat. June 1. On Sun., June 2 BEC presents **Understand-**

ing Appraisals and Wallpaper Installation: Hands-On. The center will present **The Bungalow: Tradition and Transformation** Thurs. evening, June 6. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

St. Joseph's Basilica Garden Club hosts its second annual **Gardens Galore Tour**, Sun. June 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. Tour nine Alameda Gold Coast Home Gardens and shop the boutique featuring a large selection of home and garden items from Bay Area vendors. Tickets are \$15; box lunches are available for an additional \$5. Call 814-7152.

The Dunsuir House and Gardens celebrates spring flowers with an **Open Garden Weekend** and **Victorian Magic Show**, Sun. June

2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a picnic and stroll the grounds of this historic 40-acre estate. Mansion tours will be conducted at noon, 1 and 2 p.m. Admission to the grounds is \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors/juniors. Children under six are free. Mansion tours are an additional \$3. Call 615-5555 for more information.

Christmas is coming in June with the **Christmas in June Warehouse Sale**, Sat., June 1 from noon to 4:30 p.m. at 1108 Ordway St., Albany. Enjoy wholesale prices on unique imported gifts, jewelry, scarves, handwoven wallhangers, table runners and more.

Join author and historian Mark Wilson on an **Architectural Walking Tour of Ocean View**, Sun.,

June 2, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Enjoy seeing "Pioneer Era" homes dating from 1850, as well as buildings of the Italianate, Stick, and Queen Anne styles. The \$10 fee includes refreshments afterwards at the Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore. Call 273-9383 for reservations.

The Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203k mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**. Tues., June 4 at the Lakeview Club, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. (The top floor of the Kaiser Center. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan product to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time is held on an ongoing

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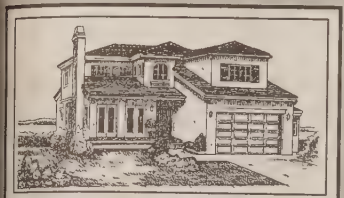
OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

2 HOUSES ON 7 LOTS \$800,000
Joquin Miller area, all lots buildable, serene setting. 3BR, 2BA house, & 2BR house rented. B. HOPPER 845-0200, 635-4839

A SPECIAL PIEDMONT OFFERING \$799,000
Almost like a new home! All level living in an excellent location! Exceptional kitchen/family room opens to a beautiful yard. <http://www.m-mcd.com/csb> CAROLE BERGER 428-0900, 644-5499

CHARM & ELEGANCE \$719,000
New Mediterranean in prestigious Claremont Pines. 4BR, 3+BA plus den off foyer. Family room opens to backyard. GG bridge views. Walk to Rockridge BART. DAVID ICHIKAWA 428-0900

SPACIOUS & GRACEFUL \$699,000
Enjoy the fabulous San Francisco & Bay views from this new Upper Rockridge home. 4BR, 3+BA, & den. Large living room and family room. Award-winning school. DAVID ICHIKAWA 428-0900



VIEWS!!! VIEWS!!! VIEWS!!! \$689,000
Of San Francisco and bay from this charming new Upper Rockridge home. Designed with archways, niches, curved stairs and many graceful touches. 4BR, 3+BA, & den. DAVID ICHIKAWA 428-0900

PANORAMIC S.E. BAY VIEW \$669,000
Piedmont home. Take an electric tramway to a custom-designed 3BR, 3BA offering outstanding privacy. G. MILLIONS 339-9290, 254-6412

STATELY ELEGANT... \$640,000
This 4BR, 4.5BA home. Family rm, 2 fireplaces, exercise room, sauna, hot tub & exercise pool. Terraced gardens. Privacy, excellent condition. B. HOPPER 845-0200

LEASE-OPTION IN PIEDMONT PINES \$339,000
4BR, 2+BA. Family room. Bay views and deck off 2 levels. MONICA ROHRER 849-3711, 525-7805

CROCKER OLD WORLD CHARM \$339,000
An original Carr Jones architect. 2BR, 1BA, surrounded by approx. 1/3 acre of magnificent gardens. 834-2010

RENOVATED CRAFTSMAN! \$219,000
Charming 3BR, 2BA in lower Rockridge. Bright & sunny in tree-lined street. New roof, heating system, water heater. Large master bedroom suite. MONICA ROHRER 849-3711, 525-7805

SUNNY GLENVIEW BUNGALOW \$199,000
Classic California bungalow with built-ins, hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath. Nice yard, basement, in Crocker School district. 834-2010, 653-5088

VICTORIAN DREAM \$159,000
Just reduced! Renovated & ready for you. Beautiful gardens & an artist's loft. G. BOOMER 339-9290, 530-6501

CHURCH WITH DUPLEX \$150,000
Small North Oakland church with attached 2BR units with long term tenants. Good condition. Central location. Sec. 8 TERENCE JUE 524-2526

OPEN SATURDAY \$140,000
Spacious 2BR, 2BA unit; Lakeside Regency. An incredible value at new price. Open Saturday, 2-4:30. 655 Lakeside #184. HELEN CHIN 834-2010

NEW REO LISTING - FIXER \$134,000
Priced to sell. Great neighborhood. Good potential but lots of work. Not for the faint at heart. Money to be made. STAN H. 834-2010, 635-8556

DUPLEX \$115,000
2BR, 1BA each. Very clean. Garage. New roof. New wiring. Long term tenants. ALLIE M. HOLLEY 845-0200

BUNGALOW REDUCED \$100,000
3BR, 1BA ready to move in. Near bridge, shopping, transportation - local and San Francisco. ALLIE M. HOLLEY 845-0200

BERKELEY / ALBANY

INVESTMENT SPECIALTY \$379,000
Large lot with 7 units. 3BR house, four 2BR, two 1BR apt. Laundry on premises, hobby room, off-street parking, gated. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

FEATURED IN SUNSET MAGAZINE! \$289,000
Albany schools, 3+BR, 2BA, quality design, fir wood floors, hrdwd flrs, Anderson windows, Velox skylights, must see! www.m-mcd.com/linn JANET LINN 845-0200, 452-6202

BERKELEY / ALBANY



PRISTINE CONDITION! \$329,000
Charming 4+BR, 2BA home with old world detailing. It has an extra office and a lovely small garden. Architect designed addition. MONICA ROHRER 849-3711, 525-7805

1324 HOPKINS OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$239,000
Berkeley. Sunny craftsman gem. Hdwd floors! New appliances, fireplace - enjoy barbecue in garden - all upgrades & clear termite and seismic! Move right in! LILLIE 526-5143, 524-7365

BIGGER THAN SOME HOMES! \$219,000
Spacious and elegant 2BR, 2BA Northside condo with fireplace, parking and pool. FRANCES DIPALMA 849-3711, 273-9319

MAJOR REDUCTION - REO \$199,950
Totally remodeled! 3BR, 2BA seller will finance. Easy to own, just call to see how easy! STAN H. 834-2010, 635-8556

THIS MAY BE THE ONE! \$189,700
Need a spacious, sunny, charming 2BR home? Hardwood floors, large eat-in kitchen. Fruit trees in back yard. Walk to BART. Move-in condition! Call for details. PATRICIA SANDERS 849-3711, 649-7856

ONE BLOCK TO CAMPUS! \$149,000
Northside 1BR condo with parking and extra storage. Great price! FRANCES DIPALMA 849-3711, 273-9319

GREAT STARTER HOME \$140,000
At an affordable price! Hdwd floors. Built-ins in dining room. Fireplace in living room. Also has commercial possibilities. Call for details & appointment. PATRICIA SANDERS 849-3711, 649-7856

FIXER BUNGALOW \$120,000
2BR, 1BA needs a great deal of work. One car garage. Shared driveway. ALLIE 845-0200

WEST COUNTY

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS \$348,000
Bay view from fabulous living room and 2 front BR. Hill view from master suite & great family room & kitchen. 2 fireplaces, many extras. ERMA SUGGS 527-9800

ESCAPE FROM THE ORDINARY... \$289,000
With this stunning and dramatic 3BR, 2BA custom remodel. Every inch is a pleasure, including a designer kitchen. The kind of house that makes dreams. Call! WENDY BAKKENTA 524-2526

IMMACULATE HOME IN MARINA \$249,000
Bay/Breakers. This home is 4+ years young, has 3BR, 2.5BA with cozy fireplace in large living room. Landscaped, community pool/spa, sec. gated, park & bay front hiking & biking. MIKE GOODMAN 526-5143

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP \$239,000
Immaculate home on the hill. 3BR, 1.5BA, SF bay view from most rooms. Remodeled bath, hwd floors throughout. Basement/workshop, 1-car garage. must see! Call! LUISA CASTILLO 526-5143

GORGEOUS GOLDEN GATE VIEWS! \$179,000
Beautifully remodeled kitchen! 3BR's up, large multipurpose room down! Hdwd floors! fireplace! Desirable Richmond View neighborhood! LORRI ARAZI 849-3711, 287-8888

GREAT BUY IN EL CERRITO! \$159,500
Good area, cute, move-in condition, remodeled kitchen/bath, new carpet, lin, new roof, perfect for 1st time home buyer! 1425 Everett, Open Sunday 2-4. JANET LINN 452-6202

START HERE! \$119,000
This adorable 2BR home is conveniently located near BART and freeway access. Freshly painted and carpeted, with charming flower garden and a ton of space below. LYNNE HAGEMAN 527-9800, 869-4471

LOTS

BAY VIEW LOT \$145,000
Upper Rockridge - not many left! Plans, soil, survey included. J. DUINN 339-8888, 869-4215

WONDERFUL BUILDABLE LOT \$99,000
In desirable Rockridge location. Views of Mt. Tam from large lot with level building area. Survey & soils report available. LOIS KADOSH 849-3711, 287-9186

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PIEDMONT

Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

410 HAMPTON ROAD \$1,135,000
Light & spacious contemporary. Exquisite level landscaped level grounds. 5 bedrooms/5 baths. BETTINA BALESTRIERI

11 SCENIC AVENUE \$959,500
Beautiful residence with exquisite detailing & level landscaped grounds. Formal living/dining & library retreat. D. GRUBB JR

111 ESTATES DRIVE \$749,500
Gorgeous all-level home w/central courtyard & comfortable family rm. Formal living/dining & dramatic ceilings. M. SCOTT

507 MORAGA AVE. NEW EXCLUSIVE \$439,000
Gardener's delight w/abundance of roses, fruit trees & lush landscaping. 4/2 traditional w/great recrm. CONNIE ROGERS

1609 GRAND AVENUE \$365,000
Darling 3/2 traditional. Split level with high ceilings, beautiful built-ins & lovely garden. Sunny & private. MARILYN WATSON

100 RAMONA AVENUE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$339,000
Gorgeous natural light. Living rm w/ fireplace & formal dining w/ built-ins. Cozy family room. Garden. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY

OAKLAND

Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

12600 SKYLINE BLVD. NEW EXCLUSIVE \$999,000
Gracious Mediterranean w/5 + bdrms/4.5 baths, pool & spa. Lush 1 1/4 acre w/level landscaping & garden. JOHN KARNAY

6111/6101 MAZUELA DRIVE \$939,000/\$929,000
Montclair Estates. Oakland's newest estate community. Two spectacular new homes with gorgeous panoramic Bay views. Exquisite quality throughout. Large garden area. 4500 plus square feet. Sunny & spacious. Large family rooms, media rooms. 5 + bedrooms. Close to Montclair Village. ED KUO

119 BEECHWOOD DRIVE \$849,000
Newly constructed by Barbara Armstrong w/exquisite detailing. Designer kitchen, family room and gardens. STACY EWING

5900 ACACIA AVENUE FIRST OPEN! \$795,000
Rare find! Large and lovely 1929 Claremont Pines 5 bedrooms/3.5 Mediterranean home. Beautiful city and hill views. LINDA E. MCCLAIN

6001 CONTRA COSTA NEW EXCLUSIVE \$585,000
New Bay View Traditional with 4+ bdrms/2.5 baths. Gourmet kitchen, family rm & hrdwd flrs. Level garden. JOHN KARNAY

6046 FAIRLANE DRIVE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$549,000
Attractive 4 bdrm w/spa, privacy & comfort. Level-in & open floor plan. Formal dining & lrg master ste. Bay view. S. PAUL

2727 LAS AROMAS \$529,000
A Classic Traditional in Piedmont Pines, pretty garden with Bay views. 4+3+, office & family room. SHEILA CALLAGHER

5822 HARBORD DRIVE \$429,000
Pristine Contemporary w/gourmet kitchen level out to garden. living room w/fireplace & deck. 5/3. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

5500 ESTATES DRIVE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$319,000
Serene & private w/lot of natural light 4+ bedrooms/3 baths, family room, garden and decks. Close to shops and transportation. JOSEPHINE O'SHAUGHNESSY

6941 SHEPHERD CANYON NEW EXCLUSIVE \$292,000
Spacious, sun-filled Montclair hide-away 3 bedrooms/2 baths plus a large, lovely garden. A must see! KAREN STARR

5644 ESTATES DRIVE \$289,000
Upper Rockridge traditional at a great price! 3 bdrms/2 baths. Lovely patio. Convenient location. ELIZABETH DICKSON

51 CHELTON LANE \$284,500
Charming Montclair 3/2 traditional w/level garden entry & expansive decking w/sunny vistas. KATHLEEN CALLAHAN

4215 GLEN AVENUE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$226,000
Charming traditional home situated in a private setting with level grounds. 2/1. Great location. KATHERINE COOPER

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Exquisite condition. Family room with fireplace, fabulous kitchen, library and gorgeous gardens. JEANETTE ROACH

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Wonderful indoor/outdoor entertaining. Spacious kit w/beautiful windows overlooking patio. 3/3 + garden. JEAN SIMMONS

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Stylish home with wonderful detailing throughout. Large entertaining rooms. Kitchen and dining room open to sunny, level garden. JEAN SIMMONS

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Exceptional Crocker Highlands home with five comfortable bedrooms. Lovingly cared for and refurbished throughout. Extensive upgrades. DEBRA J. DRYDEN

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Federal Reserve plays vital role

You may have recently seen stories in the media discussing the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan and the Fed Governors. While you probably know that the Fed has some sort of influence on interest rates and the economy, you may not be aware of the full extent of its authority and responsibilities.

Established in 1913, the Fed consists of a seven member Board of Governors appointed by the President that serves as its central governing body. The nation is divided into 12 Federal Reserve Districts represented by 12 Federal Reserve Banks. Since its establishment, the Fed has become responsible for directing the nation's monetary policy, maintaining the liquidity and stability of banking and other financial markets, and regulating and supervising commercial banks in efforts to avoid bank failures.

Although the Fed has many responsibilities, most investors only think of the Fed as having control over the interest rates that influ-

ence our nation's financial markets. There are many different interest rates, but the Fed has direct control over only one interest rate — the "discount rate." The discount rate is the interest rate the Fed charges its member banks on money borrowed for certain short-term loans. As of April 1, 1996 the discount rate stood at 5 percent.

The Fed also has influence over the federal funds rate, which is in the interest rate charged on overnight loans between banks. Although the Fed does not directly set the Federal Funds Rate, it can control (by increasing or decreasing) the amount of money it pushes into the nation's banking system.

By controlling these rates, the Fed can, to some extent, control the nation's economic cycles. Consider the following examples:

If the nation's economy rapidly expands, historically the threat of inflation becomes a worry for consumers. Inflation, defined as a general increase in the price

of goods and services, erodes consumer purchasing power. Since the Fed's monetary policy aims at a zero-inflation economy, it will assist in fighting inflation by increasing and/or influencing these key interest rates.

By raising the fed funds rate, the Fed decreases the amount of money available to the national banking system. And because banks tend to base the rates charged for business and consumer loans on the discount rate, an increase in the discount rate will usually lead to banks increasing their lending rates. By making borrowed money more expensive, the Fed hopes to slow inflation by slowing the rate at which money is spent.

The opposite is true when the economy is dragging and needs an extra monetary boost. The Fed "loosens" the nation's money supply by decreasing the Federal Funds and Discount Rates. By lowering these rates, the Fed makes more money

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available to the nation's banks and borrowed money cheaper for consumers and businesses. The infusion on money helps stimulate consumer spending and promote economic growth.

If you have interest-rate sensitive investments in your portfolio, you want to take a note of the actions of the Federal Reserve. An investment professional can assist you in understanding how interest rate changes can affect the performance of your investments.

Leila S. Gough is an Associate Vice-President with A. G. Edwards in Oakland. She can be reached at 273-8840.

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Maybeck homes the focus of this Saturday's tour

Author Stephen Altschuler will lead a walk through North Berkeley and tour of a Maybeck-designed house on Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Along the way will be handsome gardens, local lore, hidden pathways and steps, more Maybecks, and houses designed by other well-known early 20th-century architects.

The pace will be leisurely and the grade easy to moderate.

The house tour will feature

a visit with Jacomena Maybeck, Bernard Maybeck's daughter-in-law.

The event is being held in conjunction with Camps and Cottages, a shop of fine rustic furnishings on Virginia near Shattuck in Berkeley.

The cost is \$20 per person and space is limited. Part of the proceeds will benefit people with severe mental disabilities.

To pre-register, call the shop at 548-2267.

Affordable San Leandro

The San Leandro First-Time Homebuyer Program lender list has been expanded, allowing prospective buyers to choose from a wider selection of primary mortgage lenders.

The First-Time Homebuyer Program, funded by the Redevelopment Agency Housing Fund, is a great opportunity for qualified low- and moderate-income households to achieve the dream of home ownership.

The program provides deferred second mortgages, which may be used for down payment and/or closing costs.

To participate in the First-Time Homebuyer Program, prospective buyers' incomes must be below 110 percent of the Area Median—\$51,370 for a family of two.

The maximum First-Time Program loan amount for a deferred second mort-

gage is 5 percent of the purchase price, not to exceed \$10,000.

Payments on the city's second are not required for the first five years.

The city's second mortgage, combined with the participating lenders' flexible terms, enables qualified homebuyers to purchase their homes with as little as 3 percent down.

For an updated list of lenders and other program information, call San Leandro Development Services at 577-6944.

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| 32 GRAVATT DR. CLAREMONT HILLS - 3BD/3+BA.....\$850,000
New construction by top builder, spectacular bay view! Patty Scott | 1 LODGE COURT, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/2BA.....\$750,000
New listing! Private yet close-in, huge master, yard. Dee Knowland |
| 13096 BROADWAY TERRACE, MONTCLAIR - 5BD/4BA.....\$795,000
Stunning new 4,000 sq ft Medit, incredible SF/GG views. Teri Carlisle | 33 MELVIN COURT, OAKMORE - 2+BD/2BA.....\$750,000
Bright contemporary on quiet cul-de-sac, formal dining, Weyco |
| 270 SCENIC AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 4BD/2+BA.....\$759,000
Elegantly remodeled, family room, fabulous bay views. Rosalie Woods | 841 MANDANA, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/2BA.....\$750,000
Remodeled kitchen, master suite, sunny patio & gardens. Vicki |
| 1 LA SALLE AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 5+BD/3+BA.....\$699,000
New listing! Level-in, tastefully updated, private setting. Robyn Mohr | 1427 BARROWS RD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/4BA.....\$750,000
Stylish & charming, updated kitchen & baths, level yard. Vicki |
| 33 PIEDMONT COURT, PIEDMONT - 4BD/3BA.....\$679,000
Tastefully renovated trad in wonderful central location. Martha Hostlaw | 6416 HEATHER RIDGE WAY, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$750,000
Reduced! Large sunny lot, updated kit, private deck, yard. Vicki |
| 10 BONITA AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/1+BA.....\$499,000
Charming craftsman, warm woods, great kit, lovely yard. Francis Heath | 5353 THOMAS STREET, ROCKRIDGE - 3+BD/1+BA.....\$750,000
Spacious, bright traditional with separate 1-bdrm unit. Weyco |
| 5861 MARGARIDA DRIVE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2+BA.....\$469,000
New listing! Adorable Cape Cod, family rm, lg deck, yard. Dee Knowland | 12575 BROOKPARK RD, PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2+BA.....\$750,000
One level living! Family room, hardwood floors, privacy. Weyco |
| 6125 FAIRLANE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/3BA.....\$459,000
Four year old custom home, exceptional quality, au pair. Dee Knowland | 44 SERENO CIRCLE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1+BA.....\$750,000
Unique townhouse, family rm, den, elegant master suite. Sandi |
| 838 CALMAR AVE., CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/3BA.....\$435,000
Light-filled, huge master suite, office, family room, large yard. Joan Dark | 4406 WHITTLE AVENUE, OAKMORE - 3BD/2BA.....\$750,000
Quiet retreat in convenient location, new paint inside & out. Vicki |
| 6086 VALLEY VIEW, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$425,000
Just listed! Superb 6-year old home, private tree setting. Teri Carlisle | 4100 MAYBELLE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1+BA.....\$750,000
New listing! Custom built on 1/4 acre lot, great yard. Vicki |
| 230 WILDWOOD AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 4BD/3BA.....\$415,000
Kivifamily room, au pair with sep entry, close to schools. Ann Nichols | 3963 WHITTLE, UPPER FRUITVALE - 3BD/1BA.....\$750,000
Sparkling split level with deck off kitchen, large back yard. Vicki |
| 5869 AMY DRIVE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$374,000
Huge rumpus, formal DR, hwdw floors, great garden. Brooks Anderson | 2556 RAMPART, LINCOLN HEIGHTS - 2BD/1BA.....\$750,000
Excellent neighborhood! Large corner lot, nice level yard. Vicki |
| 1433 BARROWS RD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/2BA.....\$339,000
Lovely English, large master suite, deck, Japanese garden. Joan Dark | 7529 VALENTINE STREET, OAKLAND - 2BD/2BA.....\$750,000
Completely redone! Detached studio, 2 frps, nice yard. Vicki |
| 456 FLORENCE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$339,000
New listing! Charming trad, lovely level-out yard & deck. Wendy Gardner | 3107 KINGSLAND, MAXWELL PARK - 3BD/1BA.....\$750,000
Bright bungalow in excellent condition, south bay view. Vicki |
| 1641 TACOMA AVENUE, BERKELEY - 3+BD/2BA.....\$333,000
New listing! Bright and sunny in desirable 1000 Oaks area. Rich Gould | 367 VERNON ST. #1, ADAMS POINT - 2BD/1BA.....\$750,000
Two-level unit, great condition, built-ins, hardwood floors. Sandi |
| 1678 TRETTLE GLEN, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/2BA.....\$329,000
Bright, fresh traditional, new kitchen, hwdw floors, decks. Sandi Klemmer | 6548 MOKELUMNE AVENUE, MILLSMONT - 2BD/1BA.....\$750,000
Small immaculate cottage, rebuilt foundation, huge yard. Vicki |

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PIEDMONT

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| GRACIOUS ESTATE - PIEDMONT.....\$2,450,000
Beautiful park-like grounds, 5BD/4+BA, chef's kitchen, family room, library, rumpus, elevator to all 3 levels, pool. Joan Daniel | SUN FILLED AND SERENE.....\$750,000
Stunning 4BD/3+BA contemporary on double lot with Bay views and exquisite gardens. Patty Scott/Georgia |
| FABULOUS SETTING - PIEDMONT.....\$1,950,000
Designed by William Wurster, this property offers 6BD/4BA, library w/frpl, gorgeous gardens, pool & play area. Sally Morrison | UNSURPASSED CHARM - PIEDMONT.....\$750,000
Superb quality of design, craftsmanship and charm. 3BD/2BA, den, study, family room adjoins spacious deck. Sally Morrison |
| SPACIOUS AND PRIVATE - PIEDMONT.....\$1,720,000
Designed for the active family & elegant entertaining. 5BD/4+BA, au pair, library, fam rm, rec rm. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham | GRACIOUS PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL.....\$750,000
This lovely traditional is accented by wonderful old world 5BD/3BA, au pair, beautiful English gardens. Sandi Klemmer |
| CHARM, ELEGANCE AND PRIVACY.....\$1,095,000
Unique and charming on almost 1/2 acre. Beautiful 4BD/2+BA home with guest house, pool and sport court. Georgia Cornell | PICTURESQUE SETTING - PIEDMONT.....\$750,000
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| HANDSOME TUDOR - PIEDMONT.....\$1,025,000
Beautifully upgraded English Tudor with an ideal floor plan for family living. 5BD/3+BA, level yard. Georgia Cornell | PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN.....\$750,000
3+BD/2BA home within walking distance to schools, great transportation. Level-out to sunny yard. Georgia Cornell |

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| CLAREMONT HILLS MEDITERRANEAN.....\$775,000
Beautiful new home with old world charm. Exceptional quality throughout. 4BD/3BA, mst ste, gourmet kitchen. Bill Weissberg | EASY LIVING - SEQUOYAH HILLS.....\$750,000
Lots of light, spacious rooms and a great floor plan! 3BD/2BA family/rec room, remodeled kitchen, formal DR. Thomas |
| EXQUISITE CONTEMPORARY.....\$799,000
Private garden setting w/bay views. Dramatic entry. 4BD/3+BA, formal DR, gorgeous kitchen, many extras. Wendy Gardner | GLENVIEW TRADITIONAL.....\$750,000
Charming home with beautiful south bay views from 1st floor. 4BD/1.5BA, updated kit, hwdw flrs, landscaped yard. Vicki |
| PANORAMIC BAY VIEWS.....\$529,000
Breathtaking views! 4BD/3BA, master suite with fireplace, kitchen/family room, air cond, tile and Corian throughout. Kathy Flynn | COSMETIC FIXER.....\$750,000
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| WONDERFUL VIEWS - RIDGEMONT.....\$374,000
Reduced! Lovely contemporary with SF & bay views. 3BD/2+BA, formal DR, kitchen/family rm, large level back yard. Robyn Mohr | LUXURY CONDOMINIUM.....\$750,000
Spacious unit in well maint. bldg, conveniently located. LR with wet bar & frpl, dining room, den, 2 decks. Sandi |
| IMMACULATE OAKMORE TUDOR.....\$329,000
3BD/2+BA, family room opens to large deck, hot tub, hwdw floors, formal dining, beam ceiling in living room, large entry. Dick Cohen | BROWN SHINGLE CHARMER.....\$750,000
2BD/2BA, formal dining, hardwood floors, large kitchen, alarm system, secluded level back yard. Kathy Flynn |
| STORYBOOK COLONIAL.....\$310,000
Warm & charming! 3BD/3BA, large cook's kitchen/family room, sunporch/office, rumpus/exercise room, storage. Dick Cohen | PERFECT STARTER BUNGALOW.....\$750,000
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Home Depot offers two free design clinics on Tues., June 4 at 10 a.m. **Beginner's Guide to Stencil-**ing will focus on techniques, supplies and room layout. **How To Use**

the Latest Paint Techniques will focus on antique-leather look walls, aging and fading, chambray technique, denim-look walls and historic crackle. Call Phyllis Johnson 601-9500 for more information.

Carole Berger, manager of Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, Inc. Piedmont teams up Kathleen Crandall of Mason McDuffie and Mike Woodridge of WebRangers

Online Design to present the free seminar **Marketing Your Home On the Internet** at 7 p.m., Wed, June 5, at 342 Highland Ave., Piedmont Brokers, home buyers and sellers will benefit from learning how the World Wide Web works. Find out about the latest Internet technologies that can be useful in marketing a home. All levels and abilities welcome. Reservations are required. Call Kathleen at Mason McDuffie 869-4214

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is held every first and third Wed. of the month at 7 p.m., 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and more. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. The next seminar will be held Wed., June 5. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

Join the Berkeley Historic Society as it explores the **South Berkeley Cultural Landscape** with tour guide Bill Coburn. Meet at the San Pablo Park Clubhouse, at Park and Oregon Streets, Sat. June 8, for the 10 a.m. to noon tour. Enjoy historic sites and homes from many eras, notably the '20s, when San Pablo Park became Berkeley's prestige African American neighborhood. The cost is \$5 for Berkeley Historical Society members and \$7 for the general public. For more information call 848-0181.

The Bay Area Artists Group announces its **3rd Annual Show and Sale**, June 1 through June 30 at the Upstairs Exhibit Hall at Jack London Village, Embarcadero and Alameda Streets, Oakland. Join the artists for a reception on Sun., June 9, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, will hold its June 12 meeting at a special location: the Berkeley Design Center, 3195

Adeline St. in Berkeley. Call (415) 255-6463 for more information.

Catherine Teegarden of RAF Mortgage presents a free seminar, **How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Purchase/Rehab Loan** at 7 p.m., Thurs., June 27, at First American Title Co. 1544 Webster Street, Oakland. Owner-occupants can buy finished properties for no money down. Non-profits (churches or other) can buy and fix up properties for the community that they serve. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell properties using this loan product. Buyers, Realtors, contractors, non-profit organizations, churches, investors are welcome. Reservations are required. Call Teegarden at (510) 528-0767, ext. 17 for reservations.

East Bay Habitat for Humanity announces its **July Build-A-Thon**, Fri. July 5 to Tues., July 9 at its 105th Avenue construction site in Oakland. Habitat hopes to frame five houses in this five day period with 1,000 volunteers. 100 of these volunteers must be trained carpenters. The \$25 registration fee will cover breakfast and lunch for the five days. Habitat also hopes to find corporations, schools and churches willing to help raise the \$100,000 necessary to complete the project, volunteers to staff the merchandise, food and registration tables as well as sponsors, food donors and entertainers. Call 251-6304 to get involved.

The City of Oakland's Office of Cultural Affairs presents the **Adult Arts Camp**, July 27 to Aug. 3 at the

Feather River Camp in Quincy, CA. The camp will feature landscape drawing and painting, plein-air oil painting, fabric printing, glass bead making, tai chi and nature classes. The \$400 cost includes classes, transportation and inclusive eight day, seven night accommodations in shared rustic cabins. Call 238-6951 for more information.

BankAmerica Mortgage presents **Homebuyer Open House Forum**, at 1322 North Main St., Walnut Creek. Learn how much home you can afford, get pre-approved before you start looking and receive a free credit review and analysis. Get the facts on popular 3-, 5-, 7- and 10-year fixed rate loans. Call in your special request and our search panel will provide you with select homes in your price range to preview at the forum. Free homebuyers kits will be presented to all those who attend. Call Maura at 295-3205 for more information. This forum is presented on an ongoing basis.

Le Tip International, a organization of independent businesspeople devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3002.

The Friends of the Latin American Library hold regular meetings at the Latin American Library, 1900 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. Join in to support the library as it enters its 30th year of service. For more information call the library at 535-5620.

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REAL ESTATE FORUM

DIAN HYMER

Sellers often order a "termite" or wood pest inspection when they list their home for sale. Most buyers want an inspection done as a condition of the purchase agreement. And many lenders require a notice from a licensed structural pest control operator stating that the property is free and clear of infestation before they will give the buyers a mortgage.

A wood pest inspection report is often referred to as a "termite" report, which is misleading. Termites are wood destroying organisms that can cause a lot of damage to a wood structure. But they aren't the only

Termite report vital in keeping property saleable

wood destroying organisms that homeowners need to guard against. Just because a home doesn't have active termite infestation doesn't mean that the house has a clean bill of health regarding pest control problems.

Some areas are more prone to termite problems than others, and there are various different types of termites. Subterranean termites are prevalent in the San Francisco Bay Area, but they are not much of a problem, in dryer parts of the state where dry wood termites are the notable culprits. In the northern part of the country, termites become less of a problem, but there are other destructive wood pests to watch out for, like carpenter ants.

Wood pest problems vary from one microenvironment to the next. Some niches have fungus and dry rot problems, others are prone to beetle infestation. Find out what kinds of wood pests are prevalent in

your area and make certain that the home you're buying is carefully inspected for these pests.

Sometimes a wood pest report calls for a "further inspection". It's always advisable to have further inspections completed. It's also a good idea to inspect detached decks and auxiliary structures, like a detached garage.

It may cost extra for additional inspections, but it's better to have knowledge of any structural pest problems before closing, than to discover a major defect after closing.

If you make an offer on a home where the sellers already have a current wood pest report, they may want you to accept their report. Be sure to include a provision in the contract which states that the report is subject to your approval.

Also, reserve the right to have another pest control inspection completed at your expense if you find

the seller's report to be inadequate. Have your home inspector review the seller's pest control report. Although the home inspector may not be a licensed pest control operator, he or she should be able to tell you if the report is deficient.

In some parts of the country, sellers hire structural pest control companies to routinely service their homes for wood pests. If this is the case with a home you're buying, ask for copies of the service records. Find out how much the service costs.

Check with neighbors and your real estate agent to see if other homeowners in the area are getting routine pest control treatments. What companies are most commonly used, and how much do they charge?

Before you hire a company to do routine treatment for you, make sure they are aware of local problems.

Many homeowners are shocked when they sell after years of owner-

ship and find that they have thousands of dollars of termite repairs to complete before closing. To guard against this, have a wood pest inspection done every two to three years, and take care of critical problems when they arise.

Also, just because you regularly pay a wood pest company to spray your house or treat the soil around your house, doesn't mean you have the wood pest situation under control. If you live in an area where dry rot is a problem, chemical treatment alone won't be enough.

Leaky pipes, showers, bathroom fixtures, tub walls, porches, roofs,

and windows can lead to problems.

Make repairs when you practice preventive maintenance. Keep fixtures, windows, stairs and exterior caulking and sealed. Your investment and preferred maintenance will pay for itself.

Dian Hymer is a top broker associate with Banker in the Mountains office and author of "Selling a Home in the Mountains" (Chronicle Books).

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 73 BEECHWOOD, Luxury New England shingle style, 5bd/5+ba \$1,075,000
Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174
- 12600 SKYLINE BL, Hillcrest Estates, gracious 5+bd/4+ba Med \$999,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karmay 339-0400
- 6111 MAZUELA DR, Montclair Estates, quality 5+bd, 4500 sq ft, view \$939,000
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 6101 MAZUELA DR, Montclair Estates 5+bd, lg garden, view, quality \$929,000
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 119 BEECHWOOD DR, Claremont Pines elegant colonial, gardens \$849,000
The GRUBB Company, Stacy Ewing 339-0400
- 5963 MANCHESTER, Claremont Pines 5 1/2, elegant, bay vw, pool \$849,000
Mason-McDuffie, Claire Cunningham 428-0900 SUNDAY 3-5
- 5900 ACACIA AVE, Claremont Pines, 1st open lg 1929 5 1/2 Med \$795,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda E. McClain 339-0400
- 13096 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 5bd/4ba stunning nw Med, vws \$795,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 6414 SWAINLAND RD, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, a value custom, view! \$747,500
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667
- 6122 ACACIA, Claremont Pines, newly built 4bd/3+ba +den \$719,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mary Hanna 648-3049
- 1200 SUNNYHILLS RD, Landmark Crocker Medit, 3bd, 3 sunrms \$699,000
Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174
- 6023 CONTRA COSTA, Upr Rockridge nw 4/3+, breathtaking views \$699,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978
- 5435 GOLDEN GATE, Rockridge new 3+2+ traditional, details! \$649,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Kathy Florence 869-4250
- 7251 SKYLINE, Montclair views, 5 1/4, aupair, expansive decks, pvt \$599,000
Coldwell Banker, Ken McDonald 339-1174
- 6001 CONTRA COSTA, Rockridge 4+bd/2+ba, gourmet kit, garden \$585,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karmay 339-0400
- 14 CLIPPER HILL, Hiller Highlands 4bd/3ba, FDR, prime location \$569,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 5055 DUBLIN, Joaquin Miller spacious 5bd/4ba on huge level lot \$560,000
Better Homes, Dawn Ellis 287-2648
- 6046 FAIRLANE DR, Montclair 4bd, FDR, lg master suite, bay view \$549,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- 2727 LAS AROMAS, Piedmont Pines 4+3+, bay vws, garden, office \$529,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- 16 WALDECK COURT, Piedmont Pines 3+bd/2+ba, on cul-de-sac \$499,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400
- 6815 BRISTOL, Claremont Hghlnds 3+bd/3+ba, custom, bay view \$498,500
Better Homes, Ed Lindorff 531-8401
- 175 ALTA RD, Upr Rockridge 3+bd/2+ba, mstr suite w/frpl, patio \$489,000
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
- 5861 MARGARITO DR, Rockridge 3bd/2+ba, new listing! Cape Cod \$469,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- 6555 OAKWOOD DR, Montclair beauty/quality! 4/3, rec rm, frpl \$469,000
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174
- 5958 ALAMDEN, Montclair, unique, private 4+bd/3+ba w/view \$469,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vikki Landes 869-4225
- 3362 BRUNELL DR, 4bd/2+ba contemp + family room, bay views \$459,000
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000
- 6125 FAIRLANE DR, Montclair 3+bd/3ba custom, quality, aupair \$459,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- 825 PARAMOUNT RD, 3bd/2+ba in mint condition yard, 2-car gar \$449,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehnried 653-8092
- 1626 MOUNTAIN, What curb appeal! New listing, 4/2, patio, garden \$449,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 230 SHERIDAN, Upr Rockridge new listing! 3bd/3+ba, 3 frpls \$439,900
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 6905 EXETER, Pied Pines 4bd/3+ba, classy bay vw, perfect decor! \$439,500
Better Homes, Harriet Schoen 531-2437
- 4326 VIEWCREST CT, 5bd/3ba w/bay view, level yard, bonus rm \$438,900
Mason-McDuffie, Judy Farrell 428-0900
- 838 CALMAR AVE, Crocker 3bd/3ba, huge mstr suite, office, lg yd \$435,000
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460
- 5259 Harbord Dr. OWNER WILL CARRY 1st T.D., Rockridge 5 1/2, \$435,000
+aupair or rental unit. Coldwell Banker, Jerilyn 547-1615 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30
- 5822 HARBORD DR, Montclair 5/3 pristine contemp, gourmet kitchen \$429,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400
- 38 STARVIEW, Hiller, just listed! lg 3/3 sunny twnhome, hwdw, vw \$429,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 6086 VALLEY VIEW, 4bd/3ba just listed! private tree setting \$425,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 12 MARLIN COVE, Hiller 2bd/2+ba, fab bay/SF view from 2 levels \$405,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 2000 LEIMERT, 5bd/2ba + 1/1 in-law unit, grt for home office \$399,500
Wells & Bennett, Donna Conroy 531-7000
- 280 EUCLID, Exquisite duplex, 3/3 up, 2 1/2 down, original charm! \$379,000
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- 5869 AMY DRIVE, Upr Rockridge 3+bd/2+ba, huge rumpus, hwdws \$374,000
Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460
- 25 KINGWOOD Rd, Sweeping SF vw, mstr ste, fam rm, den, 3+2 1/2 \$369,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

- 2919 BURDECK DR, Joaquin Miller 4bd/3ba, new listing! \$359,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Suzanne Yamamoto 644-5447
- 6772 BROADWAY TER, Montclair, large newer 4bd/2+ba, quality \$349,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224
- 1362 BARROWS, Crocker Hghlnds English 4 1/2, sunny, level yard \$349,000
Mason-McDuffie, Barry Klein 428-0900
- 456 FLORENCE, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2ba, new listing! yard & deck \$339,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 1433 BARROWS RD, Crocker Hghlnds 3bd/2b, deck, Japanese gdn \$339,000
Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460
- 6916 BRISTOL, 4bd/3ba, 3000 sq ft, spa in mstr suite, value! \$338,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Susan Casqueiro 286-7571
- 1678 TREBLE GLEN, Crocker 3bd/2ba, fresh trad'l, hwdws, deck \$329,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460
- 4180 TRINIDAD AVE, 4+bd/3ba, secluded, surprise, mini farm \$329,000
Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 272-9030
- 926 ROSEMOUNT RD, Crocker Highlands, 3bd/2ba, new kitchen \$325,000
private, quiet. Enterprise Co., Bill McLetchie 444-0876
- 5500 ESTATES DR, Upr Rockridge, pvt 4+3, garden, decks, aupair \$319,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
- 1911 MANZANITA, Montclair sunny 3+bd/2ba, big view, more \$318,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Howard Converse 869-4212
- 689 ARIMO AVE, Just listed! Crocker 3+bd/2+ba trad'l, remod kit \$315,000
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000
- 1 LODGE CT, Montclair 2bd/2ba, new listing! huge master, yard \$310,000
Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460
- 33 MELVIN CT, Oakmore 2+bd/2ba on quiet cul-de-sac, formal DR \$309,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 841 MANDANA, Crocker 3bd/2ba, remod kit, mstr suite, gardens \$308,000
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460
- 4152 BALFOUR, Elegant prairie trad, lovely formal rms, view, lg yd \$307,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000
- 1427 BARROWS RD, Crocker Hghlnds 4bd/2ba, stylish/charming \$299,500
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- 725 MANDANA, Trad'l charm, 3bd/2ba Crocker Hghlnds, move in \$299,500
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174
- 6416 HEATHER RIDGE WAY, Montclair 3/2, reduced! lg sunny lot \$299,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- 12 HILLCREST CT, 3bd/2+ba, stunning bay views, unique setting \$299,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 339-8400
- 5552 ESTATES, Rockridge 3bd/1+ba, sunfilled, graden, spacious \$299,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583
- 5353 THOMAS AVE, Rockridge 3+bd/1+ba, w/separate 1bd unit \$299,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 6709 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba contemp, family room \$298,900
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-SOLD
- 1760 GOULDIN, Fab setting, Montclair level in 3bd/1 1/2, garage \$295,000
Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Milenbach 339-1174
- 397 CRESTMONT DRIVE, Updated 4bd/3ba home w/panoramic vw \$295,000
Better Homes, Alex Paris 837-4880 SATURDAY 1-4
- 5958 TERRABELLA, Redwood Heights new 3bd/2+ba, fab view! \$294,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203
- 6941 SHEPHERD CANYON, Montclair spacious sun-filled 3/2, gdn \$292,000
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400
- 4361 ABERFOIL, Lans/entertainment area, 4bd/2+ba, slate flrs \$285,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174
- 4177 COOLIDGE, 3bd/1+ba gracious trad'l, bay views, 2-car garage \$289,000
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000
- 39 RONADA, 3+bd/2ba, family room, bsmt w/living area, patio, frpl \$289,000
Harbor Bay Realty, Fred Christensen 814-4811 SUNDAY 2-4
- 5644 ESTATES DR, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2ba, brick patio, grt price! \$289,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400
- 9018 SKYLINE BL, Montclair 3bd/2b, sunny, bay vw, gardens, decks \$284,500
Better Homes, Anida Weyl 841-0727
- 51 CHELTON LANE, Montclair 3/2 trad'l, garden entry, decks! \$284,500
The GRUBB Company, Kathleen Callahan 339-0400
- 4501 HARBORD DR, Upr Rockridge 3bd, new bath, +rm for office \$280,000
Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Bremser 339-1174
- 5851 McANDREW DR, 3bd/2ba, xnt ngrbrhd, peaceful setting \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie, Sheri Oakley 428-0900
- 3865 FOREST HILL, Motivated seller! hwdws, frpl, new kitchen \$279,000
Wells & Bennett, Michael Childress 531-7000
- 4244 LAGUNA, New kitchen maple/granite, top quality, 3bd, view \$279,000
Wells & Bennett, Sharon Hammd 531-7000
- 5814 SNAKE RD, Montclair 2+bd/2+ba, walk to shops, restaurants \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174
- 12575 BROOKPARK RD, Parkridge Estates, 3bd/2ba, hwdw, private \$270,000
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460
- 4601 HARBORD DR, Upr Rockridge 3bd/1+ba delight! remod kit \$269,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X104 SUNDAY 2-4
- 1924 OAK CREST DR, Upr Oakmore 2bd/2ba, huge park-like yard \$269,000
Mason-McDuffie, Mark Miller 428-0900
- 4761 DAVENPORT, Spectacular SF view! 2100 sf, 3/2, 2-car garage \$259,000
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000
- 44 SERENO CIRCLE, Redwd Hts 2+bd/2+ba, unique townhouse \$259,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

- 5321 MANILA, Prime Rockridge, walk College Ave shops, 2 1/2 \$214,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174
- 87 TERALYNN CT, Impeccable twnhouse, updt'd, 3bd/2+ba, view! \$214,000
Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittinglow 339-1174
- 5828 COLTON BLVD, 3+bd/2ba fixer w/potential charm \$214,000
Mason-McDuffie, Sheri Oakley 428-0900
- 4406 WHITTLE AVE, Oakmore 3bd/2ba quiet retreat, new paint \$214,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 5360 ESTATES DR, Upper Rockridge cosmetic fixer, grt location! \$214,000
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 531-7000
- 4012 LAGUNA AVE, Laurel 3bd/3ba total remodel, detail, reduced! \$214,000
Better Homes, Julie Renaldi 339-8400
- 4109 HARBOR VIEW, Cosmetic fixer, spacious 4bd/3ba, lg mtr \$214,000
Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 531-7000
- 287 RISHELL DR, Crestmont, just listed! updt'd home, grt bay view \$214,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174
- 2111 TRAFALGAR, Montclair refurbished 2bd/1ba, atrium, yard \$214,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Athena Ateshian 869-4253
- 747 CALMAR AVE, Crocker Highlands 3bd/1ba \$214,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2 garages, MUST SEE! \$214,000
Owner 834-6788 SUNDAY 11-5 & MONDAY 11-5 5% Down
- 2439 WILBUR, Dimond, new listing, 3+bd/1+ba, WOW! \$214,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216
- 576 WESLEY AVE, Just listed, 3bd bungalow, garden, storage \$214,000
Templeton Company, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133 SUNDAY 2-4
- 2581 EL CAMINITO, Best buy in Montclair, 3bd/2ba, walk view! \$214,000
Coldwell Banker, Adrianna Giacomelli 339-1174
- 5312 LOCKSLEY AVE, New listing! Remod 2 1/2 Rockridge bungalow \$214,000
Coldwell Banker, Adrianna Giacomelli 339-1174
- 4115 MIDVALE AVE, Redwood area, 3bd/1+ba, pano backyard! \$214,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400
- 2871 MORGAN AVE, Laurel 3bd/1ba, 1st open, quiet st, move in \$214,000
Better Homes, Morrie 547-6975
- 236 MARLOW DR, Sheffield Village very elegant 3bd/2ba, lg mtr \$214,000
beautiful master suite, Rm/Max in Motion, Manna 569-5555 SUNDAY 2-4
- 4100 MAYBELLE, Redwood Hts 2bd/1+ba, new listing! custom \$214,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 6650 ARMOUR, 3bd/2ba \$214,000
Coldwell Banker, Mamoud Mokari 486-1495
- 268 MARLOW DR, Gorgeous Sheffield Village trad, remod kitchen \$214,000
Coldwell Banker, John Nielsen 339-1174
- 4215 GLEN AVE, Great location off Pied Ave, charming 2 1/2, pvt \$214,000
The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400
- 5805 MERRIWOOD DR, Montclair 3bd/1ba super starter, view! \$214,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400
- 3963 WHITTLE, Upper Fruitvale 3bd/1ba, sparkling split level \$214,000
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460
- 3978 FOREST HILL, Upr Dimond 2bd/1ba English tudor, lg view! \$214,000
Better Homes, Maria Sinclair 287-9596
- 3951 HUNTINGTON ST, Upr High St lovely 3/2, pleasant night \$214,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Hildie Tuggle 531-4554
- 247 4TH ST #209, Jack London Sq, large lot/1ba, live-work, must \$214,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Felicia Owens 869-4217
- 3924 ROBLEY TER, Off Pied Ave, top area for shops/dining! \$214,000
Wells & Bennett, Frank Henner 531-7000
- 4114 MANILA AVE, Rockridge, just listed! 2bd/2ba bungalow \$214,000
Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174
- 3852 HOWE ST, 2bd/1ba, classic Brown Shingle nr Piedmont \$214,000
Winters Realty, Ronda 769-1606 SUNDAY 2-4
- 1570 EXCELSIOR AVE, Glenview 2+bd/1+ba, picture perfect, grt \$214,000
Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 272-9030
- 550 AILEEN ST, Idora Park 2bd/1ba Med, charm, FDR, hwdw \$214,000
Better Homes, Michael Harding 654-2667
- 4630 REINHARDT, All level 3bd/2ba, view, garden \$214,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Howard Converse 869-4212
- 5007 WEBSTER, Temescal cheerful & sunny 2+bd/2ba, reduced! \$214,000
Mason-McDuffie, Henriette Green 834-2010
- 3337 KANSAS, 2bd/1ba, gourmet kit, FDR, hwdws, garden \$214,000
Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300 SATURDAY 2-4:30
- 3924 LAUREL AVE, Upper Laurel 4bd/2ba just listed! best value \$214,000
Better Homes, Vickie Chan Case 339-8400
- 3711 RHODA AVE, Lincoln Hts 2bd/1ba craftsman, ample storage \$214,000
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 530-6099
- 4321 STEELE ST, Just listed! shows pride of ownership! garden, lg \$214,000
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
- 9012 BURR, Enjoy the view! 3bd/2ba, extras! \$214,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Felicia Owens 869-4217
- 9533 ALCALA, 3bd/1+ba private, secluded, bonus rm for office \$214,000
Gadsby & Associates, Leigh 748-5300
- 6171 DONCASTER, 2 1/2, hwdw, updt'd kit/ba, French drs to patio \$214,000
Mason-McDuffie, Darin Tinsley 834-2010
- 3330 WISCONSIN ST, Redwood Hts 3bd/1ba, potential! great view \$214,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643
- 2556 RAMPART, Lincoln Hts 2bd/1ba on large corner lot, level \$214,000
Pacific Union, Helen Danhah 339-6460

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Learning to build safely is focus of 'Code Check'

Code Check — A Field Guide to Building a Safe House by Redwood Kardon, softcover, 29 pages, 68 diagrams. Available from the Taunton Press, 62 South Main Street, P.O. Box 5506, Newton, MA 02450-5506, \$14.95

Designed in a booklet form, **Code Check — A Field Guide to Building a Safe House** is an easy and very portable tool for the builder or homeowner wishing to do it right the first time.

The author couldn't be more qualified as he currently works as a building inspector for the City of Oakland.

In fact, his impetus for writing the guide is best stated by his own words in the introduction: "Soon after becoming a building inspector for the City of Oakland, I found myself writing the same correc-

tion notices day after day and hearing the same responses to my list of common violations. Memorizing facts, figures and code numbers is not one of my strengths, so I started attaching crib sheets to my clipboard. Other inspectors also found the sheets handy and started attaching them to their clipboards. Contractors and homeowners began requesting copies. More than a few suggested that I publish my notes. So I contacted my very talented old friend and illustrator, Paddy Morrissey, and began making **Code Check** a reality."

The reality of this book is that it lays out, on paper (that is plastic coated so as to resist soiling), the "gooodoooo" stuff as far as what needs to know about inspections and what's required. The way in which the book is laid out is, well,

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pardon me, Mr. Spock, quite logical.

The book's color coded sections cover permit regulations and intricate guidelines for general building, including items like foundation repairs, stairs and windows. Other sections relay permit information and requirements regarding plumbing, mechanical and electrical work.

Inspections

The first "Inspection," as the chapters are called, deals with the temporary power and sanitation that will be required as the project

gets underway. Inspection 2 is titled "Site Foundation" and covers such things as the paperwork that one has to prepare and submit. In one of the sub-sections of this inspection level all of the underground and foundation permit concerns are covered.

Inspection 3 covers the underfloor and especially important in this seismically active area we live in is the section on the underfloor anchor bolts and cripple wall requirements.

Inspections 4, 5, and 6 cover the heat of the home, the plumbing, electrical, windows, stairs, roof, and even what will be looked for when the inspector checks your shower walls!

The final Inspection is just that, the final check of the building itself: the plumbing, any mechanical devices such as the furnace and water heater (must be strapped in certain seismic areas), and of course, electrical.

In this section a couple of interesting guidelines are the sub-section

tion on what's required for home kilns for all of you that throw pottery and a section on what has become a very popular home appliance: the new generation of gas fueled fireplaces.

The Balancing Act

Factually, no matter how well trained a building inspector is, this material, if not presented as well as it is and balanced by the diagrams, could be dry and not the first book one would choose when planning an evening of reading in front of the fireplace. Yet the use of color and the very easy to understand diagrams by artist Paddy Morrissey make for an overall palatable package.

The diagram on page 24 regarding what can happen to one when there are serious electrical problems and the diagram on page 25 depicting the overhead clearance requirements are particularly well done and humorous, but not overly so.

Other diagrams illustrate tech-

nical concepts in a way that's easy to grasp, which, when one is feeling the pressure of making sure that what's been completed is to code, is a stress-relieving factor to be sure.

Finally, preparing your building for the inspector is a bit like preparing for a tax audit. You hope that everything is correct the first time your work is checked. It's important that cities maintain proper inspection of buildings so that safe structures are built that have proper ventilation, electrical and where applicable, proper seismic safeguards.

But in my example above regarding how an inspection is similar to an audit, well, just maybe we can keep the city inspectors happy by using **Code Check**, but someday replace our current tax system with something more workable.

Brian Gardner is an award-winning journalist living in El Cerrito.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

4514 FAIRBANK, 3bd/2ba, lovely family rm, yard, great buy Gadsby & Associates, Bill 748-5300	\$179,000	18 CLAREMONT CRES, Charming 3/3 Tudor, garden, sep. studio J. T. Ward Realtors, Miriam Wilson 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4	\$485,000	ORINDA Open Sunday	
3527 BROWN, Cozy 3bd/1 1/2ba bungalow, Laurel schools, sunny yd Caldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174	\$178,000	758 SPRUCE, Berkeley 4+bd/2ba Caldwell Banker, Gaby Olander 486-1495	\$485,000	67 LA CRESTA, Designer perfect 4/4, mint landscaped, views Mason-McDuffie, Sheri Pope 254-0440 SUNDAY 2-5	\$449,000
3380 WYMAN, 3+bd/1 1/2ba, sunny/spacious, family room, decks Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Karen Davis 869-4865	\$178,000	2953 HILLEGASS, 3bd/2ba Caldwell Banker, Tricia Swift 486-1495	\$417,000	28 CEDAR LANE, 3bd/2ba, 72 acres at end of cul-de-sac Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400 SUNDAY 1-4	\$399,000
689 ALLEN ST, 2bd/1ba, mint condition home w/ interior courtyard Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501	\$175,000	280 LEXINGTON, Huge price reduction! 4bd/2 1/2ba, full of light Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X124 SUNDAY 2-4	\$409,000	PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm	
7529 VALENTINE ST, 2bd/2ba completely redone, det. studio, 2 frpl Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460	\$174,500	210 EL CAMINO REAL, 2bd/2ba delightful Cape Cod, sunny Mt gdn J. T. Ward Realtors, Gayle Tantau 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4	\$399,000	316 SEA VIEW, 4+bd/3+ba exquisite tudor gourmet kitchen, reduced \$1,325,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carole Berger 644-5499	\$1,325,000
7374 McCLELLAND, 2bs/1ba, what a bargain, upgrades, move in Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300	\$170,000	1115 WOODSIDE RD, Quiet, serene, level-in 3bd/3ba, family rm, deck, garden. Starr Realty 843-5576 SUNDAY 2-4	\$365,000	410 HAMPTON, Light & spacious 5/5 contemporary, landscaped The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400	\$1,135,000
3107 KINGSLAND, Maxwell Park 3bd/1ba bright bungalow, view Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460	\$169,000	1228 SHATTUCK, 3bd/3ba Caldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495	\$339,900	11 SCENIC AVE, Exquisite detailing, landscaped, FDR, library The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400	\$959,500
367 VERNON ST #1, Adams Point, 2bd/1ba, 2-level unit, h/wds Pacific Union, Sandi Kiemmer 339-6460	\$165,000	1130 WOODSIDE, New listing! 4/2 lovely Park Hills contemp, vws Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4	\$339,000	270 SCENIC AVE, Elegantly remodeled 4 1/2+, fab bay views Pacific Union, Rosalie Woods 339-6460	\$759,000
3521 WILSON, 2bd/1ba Caldwell Banker, Linda Goldman 486-1495	\$162,000	1641 TACOMA AVE, 3+bd/2ba new listing! Thousand Oaks area Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460	\$333,000	111 ESTATES DR, Gorgeous all level hm w/central courtyard The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400	\$749,500
367 VERNON #3, Adams Point, Mediterranean style 2/1 tw/house Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dressner 869-4224	\$159,000	449 BOYNTON, Charming 3bd/2+ba tudor, view, trees! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X183 SUNDAY 2-4	\$320,000	1 LA SALLE AVE, 5+bd/3+ba, new listing! level in, private setting Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460	\$699,000
3118 63RD, Good location, 3bd/1+ba, move in condition! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, D. Hensen 466-5761	\$154,000	1884 SAN ANTONIO AVE, Special 2+1/1 1000 Oaks, sep. office, vw Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2193 X122 SUNDAY 2-4	\$319,000	3 SOTOLO AVE, 2bd +den, 4+ba, superb w/ba, enclosed lanai Caldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174	\$665,000
2203 11TH AVE, 3bd/2ba, formal dining, h/wds, high ceiling, spa Better Homes, Victor Fierro 832-4339	\$148,500	3148 CLAREMONT, 3bd/2ba Caldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495	\$299,500	33 PIEDMONT CT, 4bd/3ba renovated traditional, central location Pacific Union, Martha Holst 339-6460	\$679,000
3118 CERRITO AVE, New Price! Darling craftsman, move in! Templeton Company, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134 SUNDAY 2-4	\$148,000	517 THE ALAMEDA, Berkeley 2bd/1ba Caldwell Banker, Jane Ishibashi 486-1495	\$295,000	331 ST JAMES DR, 4300 sf, 4bd/4 1/2ba, remodeled kitchen, 2 fam rms, \$669,000 2 kitchens, already reduced \$230K! grt buy! UCB, Kathy Adams 838-9700 X38	\$669,000
3050 HIGH ST, 2bd/1ba Caldwell Banker, Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495	\$148,000	1534 EDITH, 2bd/1ba Caldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495	\$268,000	12 PALA AVE, 3+bd/2+ba, new listing! spacious home Mason-McDuffie, Faye Magee 428-0900	\$625,000
7039 CREST, Cute clean 3bd/1ba starter home Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217	\$144,000	2104 DERBY, Berkeley 2bd/1ba Caldwell Banker, Linda Olaner 486-1495	\$209,000	29 WILDWOOD GARDENS, Fab location! vw, 4bd/4ba cosmetic fixer \$598,000 Caldwell Banker, Paula Easton 339-1174	\$598,000
3007 ALLENDALE, 2bd/1ba, what a beauty! h/wds, new kitchen Better Homes, Elaine Jones 547-5715	\$142,000	1357 PERALTA, Sunny, spacious 2bd/1ba, pretty street, private yd Marvin Gardens, Alice McLeish 526-1101	\$198,000	200 ESTATES, Level in and views! h/wds, frpl, decks, rumpus, 3/3 Caldwell Banker, Donna Ransien 339-1174	\$539,000
1555 LAKESIDE #184, Lake Merritt 2bd/2ba, price reduced! Mason-McDuffie, Helen Chin 834-2010 SATURDAY 2-4:30	\$140,000	1310 KAINS, 2bd/1ba Caldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495	\$193,000	10 BONITA AVE, 3+bd/1+ba charming craftsman, lovely yd, grt kit Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460	\$499,000
453 38TH, Temescal, 2bd/1ba, stained glass, charm, grt yd, reduced Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216	\$139,500	1934 BERRYMAN, Completely redone 1bd cottage, fenced garden Marvin Gardens, Carole 273-9592 SUNDAY 2-4	\$184,900	507 MORAGA AVE, Gardener's delight 4bd/2ba trad, rec room The GRUBB Company, Connie Rogers 339-0400	\$439,000
456 KOKUMUNE AVE, Millsmont 2bd/1ba immaculate cottage Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460	\$135,000	2328 VALLEY, Sunny Berkeley 2bd/1ba Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202	\$179,000	230 WILDWOOD AVE, 4bd/3ba, kit/fam rm, superb w/sep entry, Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460	\$415,000
3144 60TH AVE, 2bd, best condition, brkfst nook, frpl, FDR, h/wds Wells & Bennett, Susan Lipps 531-7000	\$129,000	1209 OREGON, 2bd/1ba Caldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495	\$173,000	101 NOVA DR, Charming 3bd/1 1/2ba w/large yard, family room Mason-McDuffie, Rosalie Marshall 428-0900	\$415,000
2535 OLIVER, Dramatic view hm w/FDR, h/wds, eat-in kit, 1300 sf Mason-McDuffie, Damon Terry 834-2010	\$129,000	2424 BYRON, Just listed, bungalow w/basement workshop, quiet st Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X131 SUNDAY 2-4	\$169,500	1609 GRAND AVE, Darling 3/2 trad, spl level, private garden The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400	\$365,000
2115 42ND, 2bd/1ba, summer starts here! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mark Cujak 869-4237	\$119,000	1108 DWIGHT WAY, 2bd/2ba, frpl, FDR, h/wds, remod kitchen/ba Better Homes, Victor Fierro 832-4339 SUNDAY 2:30-4:30	\$161,000	85 CAMBRIDGE, 2bd/1ba sunny home, pretty yard, family room Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rose Jellison 655-4965	\$359,000
3001 PIERSON, Maxwell Park 3bd/1 1/2ba, grt house, price reduced! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, E. Barber 869-4202	\$115,000	1404 HENRY, 2bd/1ba Caldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495	\$158,000	100 RAMONA AVE, Lots of natural light, living rm/frpl, grt garden The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400	\$339,000
1058 65TH ST, 2bd/2ba Caldwell Banker, Melissa Elzenberg 486-1495	\$112,500	1814 DWIGHT WAY, 2bd/2ba Caldwell Banker, Joan Barnett 486-1495	\$155,000	1405 GRAND AVE, Remodeled 3bd/2ba, au pair, charm, yard Mason-McDuffie, Jennifer Jones 428-0900	\$339,000
825 ELDORADO #304, Best buy! beautifully updated 1/1 condo in prime location. Tree-lined street, walk to Piedmont Ave. Stasky & Co. 525-8800	\$76,500	2029 CHANNING WY, Affordable nw 1 & 2bd condos, just a few left! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1-5	\$139,000	179 OAK ROAD, Piedmont 2bd/2ba fixer in great area! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Caroline Peters 547-1722	\$307,000
ALAMEDA Open Sunday		EL CERRITO Open Sunday		RICHMOND Open Sunday	
1337 BROADWAY, 6bd/3ba, 2 units, comfortable owner unit Mason-McDuffie, Helen Chin 834-2010 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$345,000	528 SEAVIEW, 3bd/2+ba, First Open! completely remodeled! Pete 845-2430 SUNDAY 1-4	\$335,000	1519 LAUREL AVE, Richmond View, new listing, 2+1/2 on cul-de-sac \$189,500 Red Oak Realty 527-0344 SUNDAY 2-4	\$189,500
151 CAPETOWN DR, 4bd/2+ba, bright & sparkling, garden patio Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$329,000	1213 KING DRIVE, New listing, space/light/seclusion, garden w/pond Red Oak Realty 527-0344 SUNDAY 2-4	\$320,000	5506 SACRAMENTO, Richmond Annex 2bd/1ba delightful bungalow \$149,900 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X113 SUNDAY 2-4	\$149,900
ALBANY Open Sunday		EMERYVILLE Open Sunday		SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday	
409 POMONA AVENUE, 4bd/3ba, Best Buy on dollar per sq ft, well maintained. GBR Realty 268-8571 SUNDAY 2-4	\$387,500	708 COLUSA, Sunny 4bd/2+ba nr Solano Ave & Fairmont shops Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X148 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$289,500	380 BREED, 3bd/2ba, over 2200 sq ft on 1/4 acre, mint condition! Better Homes, Earle Shenk 287-9590 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$255,000
1041 POMONA AVE, 2bd/1ba, hardwoods, yard, style/location, move in! By owner 527-3982 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$257,900	6708 HAGEN, Spacious 3+bd/2ba in hills, country kit, frpl, h/wds Marvin Gardens, Sue Nelson 273-9510 SUNDAY 2-4	\$239,000	236 MARLOW DR, Sheffield Village 3bd/2ba, very elegant, large rooms, beautiful master suite. Re/Max in Motion, Marina SUNDAY 1-4	\$229,500
815 FRANCIS, New listing! 2/2 Mediterranean, charm, bay view Mason-McDuffie, Claire Cunningham 428-0900 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$249,000	7202 A STREET, 4bd/2+ba remodel, largest home for \$ in area Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 2-5	\$239,000	268 MARLOW DR, Sheffield Village, gorgeous 3 1/2, remod kit/baths \$227,000 Caldwell Banker, John Nielsen 339-1174 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$227,000
453 THOUSAND OAKS, 1st open split level 2/1, FDR, wkshop Marvin Gardens, Sue Nelson 273-9510 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$233,500	7418 TERRACE DR, Walk to Fat Apple! New oak kitchen/bath/deck Marvin Gardens, Kathie Berg 287-8752 SUNDAY 2-4	\$227,500	458 DIEHL AVE, 3+bd/1+ba charming split level, h/wds, new deck Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$205,000
322 MADISON, Large 2bd, bright and open, must see! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X127 Naomi SUNDAY 2-4	\$229,000	410 EVERETT, Well maintained 2/1 nr Fairmont shops, gar/wkshop Marvin Gardens, Carole 273-9592 SUNDAY 2-4	\$185,000	2513 OUTRIGGER DR, Immaculate 3bd/2+ba, FDR, balcony, patio Harbor Bay Realty, Teri Lee 521-3352 SATURDAY 2-4	\$192,500
109 CURTIS ST, 2bd/1ba, 'as is', 1/2 block from Marin elementary Roger Morgan 527-5859 SUNDAY 1-4	\$195,000	18 WILDWOOD PLACE, El Cerrito 3bd/2+ba Caldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$179,500	1225 PEARSON, 3bd/1ba, off Davis St, move right in Gadsby & Associates, Leigh SATURDAY/SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$142,995
639 CARMEL AVE, 2bd Cottage fixer, 1/2 block to Solano Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$179,000	1022 LIBERTY, 3bd/1ba Caldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$174,000	365 MELVEN COURT, Charming & bright 3bd/1ba, just reduced! Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$169,000
BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm		KENSINGTON Open Sunday			
101 SAN LUIS RD, Fab Medit, 3bd, mstr suite w/deck, gdn, pool The GRUBB Company, Jeanette Roach 339-0400	\$1,295,000	20 HIGGATE, Kensington 3+bd/3ba Caldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$375,000		
737 BELROSE AVE, Italian villa w/extraordinary space, 5+1/2+ Templeton Company 652-2133, Faye X126 SUNDAY 2-4	\$899,000				
2 GRAYVAT, 3bd/3+ba stylish, new, panoramic view! Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460	\$850,000				
47 ARLINGTON, Just reduced! 4/3, soaring spaces, magical Med Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X187 Lauren SUNDAY 2-4	\$625,000				
20 DERBY ST, 4+bd, 2+ bath, study, garden, family room, nr UC Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 SUNDAY 2-4	\$539,000				
453 KEELER AVE, 4+bd/2+ba in private setting, spectacular vws Templeton Company, Nancy Lee Norman 652-2133 X124 SUNDAY 2-4	\$499,000				
1111 HILL ROAD, 4bd/4ba, price reduced! versatile flr plan w/in-law Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 SUNDAY 2-4	\$499,000				

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Let the buyer (borrower) beware!

By H. W. Moss

Retired homeowners with low or no loan balances are the most common victims of predatory lending practices, according to a recent analysis of the problem published by the National Consumers Union.

But it really doesn't matter how old you are when money and property is involved. Any homeowner who experiences a natural disaster, from fire to flood to earthquake, may discover too late that the friendly knock on the door after the earth stopped shaking was from a contractor hired by an unscrupulous mortgage company.

That practice would stop, however, if two bills now in Sacramento and sponsored by the Consumers Union are passed by the state legislature. The bills, SB 2045 and 1882 and authored by Hershel Rosenthal (D-N. Hollywood), would require simplified written and oral disclosures about the terms of a loan agreement and make sure the consumer was aware of the toll-free number HUD provides for mortgage counseling.

The bills would also prohibit mortgage brokers or lenders from using home improvement contractors as their agents.

"This doesn't prevent the making of high cost mortgages" Consumers Union staff attorney Norma Garcia said. "Ultimately it would still be the borrower's decision to go through with it."

Rosenthal's bills actually reinforce an existing federal law known as the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (HOEA) of 1994. The Federal Reserve enforces HOEA by following guidelines found in Section 32 of Regulation Z, commonly referred to in the mortgage industry as the High Cost Mortgage Rule.

The lending restrictions apply to high cost loans only, not first mortgages, reverse mortgages or open ended lines of credit. They would prohibit a lender from making a high cost mortgage loan if the borrower is likely to lose the home

under the terms of the agreement, where the debt-to-income ratio exceeds 60 percent. The idea is for lenders to look at factors which allow borrowers the ability to repay.

There are two triggers for a high cost mortgage. First, the annual percentage rate (APR) cannot exceed the yield on Treasury securities by more than 10 percent. Second, the total points and fees cannot exceed 8 percent of the total loan amount or \$400.

If a loan meets either of these criteria it is illegal to demand a balloon payment for loans of less than five years. The California bills would require additional disclosures be made to the borrower and to subsequent investors in the loan.

The penalty for noncompliance is severe: Rescission of the loan by the borrower for up to three years after becoming obligated. All investors, assignees and any subsequent purchaser of these loans are subject to the disclosure and rescission.

Garcia is the author of "Dirty Deeds," a 48-page pamphlet published last October by Consumer Union's West Coast Regional Office in San Francisco.

The booklet describes abusive and questionable home equity loan procedures and recounts how unscrupulous contractors, mortgage brokers and hard money lenders make a practice of targeting mostly older home owners who have lots of equity in their homes but little cash.

Garcia said such loans are often initiated by door-to-door solicitations involving hard-sell tactics. Ostensibly for people in need of repairs who cannot afford it and who might not qualify for a loan from a conventional lender. Victims are selected because of the high amount of equity in their home.

But instead of being a ray of hope for people in need of repair work, these loans can be a relatively simple method of acquiring

a home from the victim at a low price.

"California's weak regulatory environment does little to discourage abusive home equity loans," Garcia writes in "Dirty Deeds." The two bills in Sacramento would plug these loopholes.

Consumers Union has aggressively gone after high cost loan abusers. It filed suit in 1994 against Congress Mortgage in San Jose, which was licensed by both the Department of Real Estate and the Department of Corporations as a Consumer Finance Lender. Congress Mortgage had its license temporarily suspended and paid a fine.

Such high cost loans come in several forms. The most common is a home improvement loan proposed by a contractor, often unlicensed, who does a job that is substandard or incomplete.

Mortgage brokers and hard money lenders find cash strapped borrowers by searching the public record for notices of default filed against them. And offers for high cost loans are frequently made to assist the borrower in straightening out or consolidating existing debt including credit cards.

Although the new regulations are well intended—they are aimed at lenders who charge outrageous interest rates or practice reverse redlining by targeting residents who lack normal access to financial institutions—they may catch in their wide net unsuspecting brokers who do not realize they have crossed into forbidden territory.

Garcia's pamphlet is a boon to people who want to know what types of loans to avoid when borrowing against their home. The Consumers Union provides, free of charge, a check list and guide-line for borrowing.

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510-652-2677

NEWSSTAND/ place bar seeks friendly, part-time

but long-term customer personnel. Bring resume to Adam at 1778 Fourth Street, Berkeley

OFFICE Assistant, part-time, some weekends

Entry level. Must be self-starter, dependable, have reliable vehicle. Mail resume to: 3048 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland 94602

OFFICE Clerk/receptionist for real estate man-

agement office, downtown Oakland. Energetic, motivated, people-oriented, responsible, multi-tasked, computer literate. Fax resume: 510-652-0818

PIANO Lessons. Jazz, Blues, Classical, more

Experienced, patient. All ages. Special summer offer expires June 30. Ariel, 865-3943

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Chorus, piano lessons. B.A. Music. Rich Kalman 524-6797

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304 Musical Instruction

PIANO, Voice instruction. M.A. Mills College, experienced professional. Classical technique. All styles. Joyce Todd 510-287-9392

EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

ADJ. NUTRITION Assistant. \$10 hour, 10 hours weekly starting. Cheerful, flexible self-starter. Needs for contractor's Berkeley office. Must be organized, conscientious, detail-oriented. Word-processing, payroll, spreadsheets IBM computer, bookkeeping experience required. Fax resume to 510-529-3517

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant. Good telephone,

reception skills, computer literate, light bookkeeping. Full part-time. Courteous speaking. 527-8777

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Strong team player orientation and interpersonal skills. Strong organizational/document management skills. Computer literate, ability to work under pressure. Please send resume to: Controller 4800 Coliseum Way, Oakland 94601

ADVERTISING SALES

Part-time weekdays. Dynamic personality needed to sell classified advertising for weekly newspaper group in the Oakland Hills. Effective communication skills and attention to detail necessary. Prior advertising sales experience a plus. Fax or mail resume with cover letter to: CAM, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland; Fax: 510-339-6101. No phone calls please

APARTMENT Caretaker, 17 units, experienced

only, Oakland. Apartment plus salary. Send resume to: Box 8, 6208 LaSalle Ave., Oakland 94611

APARTMENT MANAGER

Experienced Team to Manage Lower Valley Near Lake, Rentals, Collections, Light Maintenance in Exchange for 2 Bedroom Apartment 452-0162.

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ritt Bakery, 203 E. 18th St., Oakland.

BOOKKEEPER. Full charge, full-time. Fast-paced

office, must be able to work under pressure. Real estate, loans servicing background a plus. Secular skills useful. Must have full knowledge of Quickbooks, Lotus and Wordperfect. Pay based on experience. Please send resume with salary history to: Barry, 1999 Harrison St., Suite 1650, Oakland, CA 94612 or fax to: 510-839-8305

CARPET CLEANING TECHNICIAN

\$1500-\$2300/month, good driver's license record. Will train. 523-6551, attention Shirley.

CHILDREN'S resale store needs part-time

employee 2-3 weekdays and Saturdays. Sales, laundry, ironing, tagging. Experience preferred. 527-5025 Monday-Friday

CHIROPRACTIC office manager, pleasant

personality and computer experience helpful. Call between 2-6, 444-1235.

CLEANER/cleaner, no experience, will train,

full-time or part-time, 4364 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, for application.

CLERICAL

MAIL ROOM CLERK Handle mail plus UPS, Federal Express, Priority Mail, etc. Must be able to work under pressure. Previous mail room experience a must! Temp-to-hire. 272-9911, BRADFORD STAFF.

COMMUNITY based coordinator needed to

recruit lost families, supervise French students. August 1996. Urgent. 339-1107

COUNSELORS Full-time and Part-time shifts

Frederick Residential care for emotionally disturbed teens. BA and experience. Apply FFY: C-03 3600 College Ave., Oakland 94602

COUNTER person needed for a dry cleaners

Part-time, Monday-Friday 254-4167

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING REP Part-time position available in our Oakland Hills newspaper office (16-24 hours weekly). Duties include customer service and data entry. Working knowledge of WordPerfect preferred. Must enjoy working with people, taking initiative, be flexible and complete tasks with little supervision \$8 per hour. Fax resume to M. Warden 510-339-6101

CUSTOMER Service/Dispatcher. Full-time

Phone, communication skills, dispatch drivers. \$7/hour. Requires clean DMV. 261-2990

CYBELLE'S Pizza/Mountain now hiring drivers

and experienced pizza makers. Evening shifts. Benefits. Call 482-8157

DENTAL Office Manager/Assistant. PH. Hill office

skills energetic professional with excellent communication and business skills. Experience preferred. 444-7277

FRONT office manager for Berkeley pediatric

401 Help Wanted

\$35,000 YEAR INCOME POTENTIAL
Reading books Toll Free 800-898-9778, ext. H 7057 for listings

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CO. Stay home-gate paid for something you already do! Full-time pay for part-time hours. Will Train. Free info. 100% Natural & back Guaranteed Products. Michael, Lisa 530-6065

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Have better health, more income and time, marketing well, organic super food. Join our team in a growing company that's making a substantial difference. 24 hour recorded message. (800)927-2527, ext. 1181. Free information packet

SUMMER WORK: Retail/ customer service \$10.50 to start. Will train. Internships/ scholarships available 845-8159.

403 Salon Opportunities

HAIRSTYLIST/Manicurist needed, low rent/high commission. College Ave. 852-5454.

405 Employment Exchange

NIGHT MANAGER
Small Berkeley Hotel. Part-time. Room, board in exchange for salary. Apply in person: 2740 Telegraph, Berkeley.

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 544-5627.

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in landscaping, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 533-1119.

LOOKING to manage apartment building in Berkeley/Albany. 15 years experience. I.R.E.M. Education; need 24 bedroom apartment. 658-0238

407 Employment Information

DOWNSIZED? Disatisfied? Stuck? Discover what's next for your career. Susan Urquhart-Brown, Career Counselor, 531-2071.

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

HOUSEKEEPING/light childcare, 8-12 hours per week. Hardworking, dependable, own transportation. English speaking. 655-9677.

409 Childcare Wanted

NANNIES Let us help you find the perfect nanny for your child. Recent childcare work experience, references, car required. 933-2273 ext. 22. Be In Our Care Agency.

NANNIES

Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fees. Momma's, 559-9195

AFTER school care for 7 year boy, Tuesday-Thursday. References, car, DMV required. Piedmont 653-9395

EXPERIENCED, Mature Nanny, full-time, salaryed position for care of 5 and 3 year old boys. Housekeeping, English speaking, car required, love and caring most important. References 444-4254.

NANNY for delightful girl, 10 and boy, 7. English speaking, non-smoking, CDL. Full-time/life-in. Piedmont. Cooking, light housekeeping, references required, 1 year commitment. 428-1137.

MOTHER'S Helper. Assist with toddler, housekeeping, fluent English, experience required, 15 hrs/week. Mornings \$8/hour. El Cerrito. Tess 510-527-8543

PART-TIME/Full-time childcare. Monday-Friday, flexible hours. English reading/speaking. Car, references, salary negotiable. 653-6644.

MATURE person to care for infant, 2-6 days/week. Must have infant care experience, car, CDL. Qualified responses only please. Carolyn 433-3276. Leave message.

MATURE, loving person to provide childcare and tutoring for 2 children. Psychology/education experience desired. 15-20 hours Nancy 420-8972

SEEKING experienced nanny for 2 toddlers. Full-time, live-out, light housekeeping. Car required. Fluent English or French, non-smoking, loving, energetic. 420-8009

TOWN & COUNTRY NANNIES

415-567-1568

- Nanny Full-time, Live-in, Berkeley, 4 children. Separate living facility. Must be licensed. High energy. Have CDL, professional experience. References. ECE rates a plus. \$2000/month
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MOTHER'S Helper/ 20 hours weekly, exchange for studio apartment. English, CDL, non-smoking, no pets. 849-1094.

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SHARE experienced, caring already hired, full or part-time. Our son is 20 months, looking for another boy of similar age. Prefer our home in Oakland area (Glendale/Piedmont/Montclair). Call Mary Margaret evenings at 530-7002.

411 Childcare-Licensed

INFANT Care Full-time/part-time "Love and Learning." The hours you need! Crocker, Debra 763-7380 #103411267

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INFANT home care by education specialist. 15 years experience. BA/ECE. Donna, 337-0315. Lic. #103411355

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412 Babysitting Offered

EXPERIENCED babysitter, Montclair/Berkeley. Own car. Good references. Available weekends Sandra 655-0069, evenings.

PROFESSIONAL Piedmont area nanny. Part-time. Monday, Tuesday, Friday beginning September or full-time share with current 3 year old. 30 years experience, CPR, safe driver. Excellent references. 601-0487 days; 653-7548 evenings.

EXPERIENCED, loving, playful nanny available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning June 25th 24 to 30 hours/week. Excellent local references. CPR/First Aid. \$10/hour or \$60/ hour per child for share. Call Diane 848-8694

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408

ABLE CARE INC.
Personal, quality 24 hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your own home. Bonded and insured. 510-685-4704.

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414 Research Studies

IWE PAY FOR YOUR OPINIONS!

Men/Women/Children
Give us your opinion on new products, taste tests, advertising, etc. Call Verburgh & Associates 510-521-6600 between 10- and 4.

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502 Business Opportunities & Services

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IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?
Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position.

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle, Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611.

FOR SALE

601 Antiques & Art
HISTORICAL. Niles, Fremont. Over 20 shops all within 4 block area. Restaurants, free parking. For information 510-792-0118

603 Garage & Estate Sales

GARAGE SALE ADS?

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605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details

MATTRESS Sets. Twin, \$69. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Sofa-bed, \$299. Sofa with loveseat, \$399. Sunbaked, \$228. Chest-bed, bedroom sets, roll-aways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic, 444-1990.

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 868-8127.

SAROUK, wonderful condition approximately 9'x11'x17', \$15,500 or best offer. 482-1249.

FURNITURE for sale! Beautiful antique sofa in excellent condition and bookcases. Call 601-8462.

PATIO furniture, bar stools, Antique sewing machine. Display curio room divided wood glass, approximately 5'x15'. Patio beveled glass French doors, small dining table. 339-0612.

TWO custom covered love seats with loose cushions, 4 pair matching drapes. Best offer. 865-2961.

BED- King with Mattress, like new/ was \$800, \$89 or best reasonable offer. Sell to highest bidder. Sunning, 569-3372.

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

BAHAMA Cruise! 5 days/4 nights, underbooked! Must sell \$279 for two. Limited tickets 1-800-414-4151, ext. 0087, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club membership \$800/ best offer. 339-9385, after 5 p.m.

THE Hills family membership. \$3200 plus transfer fees 253-0983

THE Hills Swim and Tennis Club lifetime family membership. \$3200 firm, plus transfer fee. 531-5237

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Fitness Club membership. \$775. Call 849-9991, evenings. 533-1978, daytime.

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED- An old by train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer lives - 547-1278

Diamonds, gold jewelry, rare coins, etc. Albany Coin Exchange, 1107 Solano Ave., Albany. 526-4791.

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

"SECOND HOME" boarding for dogs up to 30 pounds. Pampering. Licensed Veterinary Nurse. Michele 658-9307.

DOG WALKER

Frustrated that your dog isn't getting enough exercise? I can help! dog lover and walker, Piedmont/Montclair. 510-420-0130 Suzanne

610 Travel - Tours & Tickets

A's Tickets, weeknight games, Row 3, various dates. 503-7824

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701 Lots & Live-Work Space

ESTABLISHED Therapy center 4 partition rooms with living quarters. Oakland. Near BART, Bus. Shops. 510-413-0636.

704 Housing Wanted

MALE professional, 50's needs summer sublet, 1 bedroom or studio, Berkeley, Montclair, Piedmont, Rockridge. 415-566-4754.

NON-SMOKING, considerate, gentleman seeks quiet rental situation. David 235-7419

PROFESSIONAL woman seeks 2-3 bedroom home Lease Rockridge, Claremont, Montclair, Berkeley, Albany Responsible, quiet References available 408-268-2005

NON-SMOKING professional woman seeks apartment in quiet building. North Berkeley, Emwood, Rockridge, Montclair areas. No pets. Excellent references. 601-7936

TWO Catholic Sisters seek 2 bedroom home in Montclair, Rockridge, Mormon Temple area. Occupied by June 15th. We will take good care of your property Please call Sr Barbara 547-1354

706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals

\$450 PIEDMONT Ave. large Spacious, sunny, studio. Charming, older building. Kitchen above, laundry. Shopping/transportation. June 10-July 31. 658-9596

\$1450 EL CERRITO 3 bedroom, 2 bath, view home. Near BART. June-August. 524-3688

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709 Alameda

FURNISHED studio and 1 bedroom apartments. Direct dial phones, cable, HBO, laundry, maid service. Near shops and transportation. Weekly \$210 up. Monthly \$750 up. 523-6633.

711 1 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

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712 2 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

100's of HOMES-APTS phone-in service listings mailed listings faxed

Call 510-865-FREE Low Fee to Landlords

714 Albany & Kensington

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito; Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821

\$650 ALBANY 1 bedroom. New carpet and paint. Parking. Near transportation. 235-8889.

775 UTITUDES included. Quiet, Kensington 1 bedroom, renovated, furnished/ unfurnished. In-law. Flyer, kitchen, laundry/ storage room. Washer/ dryer. Private entrance, carpets, cable. Near bus and BART. 527-1876

ALBANY 1 bedroom in secure triplex. Free laundry, Gerf garage. Walk to Plaza. No pets. Call before 10 a.m. 525-5996

715 Berkeley

716 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Berkeley

\$575 BEAUTIFUL, small 2 room garden studio. Patio, parking, no pets. 2970-C (near) Russell UC close. Shown Sunday 2-4

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\$550 OAKLAND/ Berkeley Border. One bedroom with 1920's charm on Shattuck. Sunny, bright, bay view, large kitchen with dining area. Lots of storage and light, well-maintained. 658-4561 or 420-8181

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719 3+ BED. APT. RENTALS Berkeley

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720 El Cerrito & North

\$500 EL CERRITO 1 bedroom, ground floor four-plex. Range, refrigerator, carport, security. Near BART. 339-3192

\$625 ONE bedroom, hardwoods. Near AC/ BART. No pets. No smoking. Year lease. 525-7596

\$685 NICE, large 2 bedrooms, second floor. AEK, laundry, covered parking. Shopping and transportation. 527-2660

\$680- \$700 EL CERRITO 2 bedroom. Close to Plaza, shopping, BART. Garage, coin laundry. 510-234-1432

\$690 EL CERRITO 2 bedroom duplex. Like new, hardwood floors, garage, quiet. Non-smoking. Agent 529-9661

\$700 EL CERRITO: sunny 2 bedroom, 1 bath garden apartment. Appliances, carpets, and drapes. Covered parking, coin laundry. 524-8558

\$725 EL CERRITO, 2 bedroom, immaculate, sunny garden complex, garage laundry. Near shopping/transportation. 559-9107

\$770 EL CERRITO, 2 bedroom triplex, modern, sharp. Laundry. Walk to Plaza BART. Ed. 549-7832

\$875 RICHMOND Annex upper 2 bedroom, view, carpet, large yard/ trees. \$675 lower flat, 1 plus bedroom, utilities paid. 653-3188

\$950 THREE bedroom, 2 bath, modern duplex, garage, laundry, deck, near El Cerrito Plaza. 524-9661

721 Emeryville

\$1350 SPECTACULAR, large 1 bedroom condo in Emeryville, featuring hardwood floors, outstanding kitchen, 1 1/2 bath in 1800 sq. ft. of spread-out space, great freeway access, security parking, short term. Call WMC 863-9380

722 Lamorinda & East

\$800 ORINDA, large 1 bedroom apt. Private, walk to BART, shops. Non-smoking, indoor pets okay. Utilities included. 433-7251

723 Oakland & Piedmont

\$385 LAKE English Tudor, Charming, cozy studio. Carpet, washer/ garbage. 1 block transportation. 420-0393; 652-2778

\$385 STUDIO near Lake. Near transportation. Security, carpets, drapes. Separate kitchen/ bath. Call Heath. 893-1100

\$395 MOVE-IN Special, \$200 discount. Old World Charm. Cozy, spacious, laundry. 428 E 19th St/ Park Blvd. 839-3100

724 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

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1 bedroom with patio, pool, recreation, fully equipped kitchen, breakfast bar, central air conditioning, elevator, fresh carpet and tile floors. Open House Saturday 10-12. Call for appointment. Call 531-6969

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1000 LARGE 1 bedroom in-law unit. New paint, tile floors, laundry includes utilities, call 531-6969

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1000 PIEDMONT 1 bedroom, hardwoods, 5 unit parking, on Oakland Avenue off Grand Avenue. Call 531-7005

1000 WIDOWED Heights, fireplace, trees, decks, central air, quiet, pleasant neighborhood. Call 531-6969

1000 ONE bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, closets, secure building, nice environment. Call 465-5423

1000 NEAR Lake Merritt, beautiful, large, 1 bedroom apartment. Call 451-0474

1000 PEACEFUL, top floor flat in older duplex near University Avenue. Sun, yard, redwoods, formal living, private entrance. 530-5170

1000 CHARMING Glenview split-level flat. Large living room, formal dining, hardwood floors, tile, granite architecture. Laundry, private garage. Call 531-6969

1000 TAHOE LIVING IN OAKLAND. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, in-law, Canyon view, hardwood floors, laundry, deck. 6275 Westover. Call 530-5810

1000 UPPER GRAND/ROSE GARDEN. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, in-law, hardwood floors, laundry, deck. 6275 Westover. Call 530-5810

1000 LARGE 1 bedroom, Rockridge, College/Grandwood floors, close to BART. Available. Call 415-957-0304

1000 BOYHINE condo, quiet, landscaped, laundry, parking, patio, pool, furnished/unfurnished, smoking/pets. 510-638-6184

1000 ROCKIDGE in-law, utilities paid. Sunny, parking, laundry, College/Grandwood. 549-6450

1000 BE IN YOUR NEW HOME FOR THE SUMMER

1000 1 Bedroom	836-1106
1000 1 Bedroom	465-7679
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1000 1 Bedroom	452-0162
1000 1 Bedroom	465-7679
1000 2 Bedroom	836-1106
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1000 1st month rent. Large remodeled 1 bedroom, new kitchen, bath, 5495, Near Highland and Highway 1580. 261-3487

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1000 1 bedrooms \$580-\$660. Laundry, pool, Microwave Dishwasher. Parking, close to Lake and Grand Lake Theater.

1000 1st Buren Avenue. "Adams Point"

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1000 INCLUDES utilities, smaller flat, quiet Lake Merritt area. Remodeled kitchen, bath, parking, laundry. Agent 462-8100

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1000 LESTER Ave. Carpet, drapes, appliances, yard, garage. Walk to Lake. Gary 839-5341

1000 LOWER ROCKIDGE. 1st month free, 2 bedroom, downstairs, small yard. New carpet, bus and freeway. Security building. 653-8148

1000 UPPER HARRISON. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, dining, storage, ample closet space. Includes washer, garage and heat. Near Piedmont Ave. Call 531-6969

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1000 LARGE living room, hardwood floors, utilities, 21 Colma St. Shopping/FSP transportation. 462-3367

1000 GLENVIEW apartment. Quiet, secure, fully furnished, laundry, parking. 3750 Park Blvd. Call 653-6444; 452-0366

1000 2 bedrooms duplex on quiet cul-de-sac. 3000 Berry Place, Oakland. Laundry facilities, hardwood floors, mini-blinds. 523-6255

1000 2 bedrooms; \$540 1 bedroom. Best area. Call 531-6969

1000 WEST Oakland nice triplex. Convenient transportation. 268-0704

1000 2 bedrooms for Price of 1 Bedroom

1000 1st. China Hill 2 bedroom (1 ideal for rent). Good natural light, fresh paint. Great wood floor. Quiet 8 unit building with shared laundry. Parking available. Call 531-6969

1000 DUPLEX, parking, laundry, yard, patio, carpets, drapes. Pets negotiable. Near transportation. 601-8769

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1000 3234 Maple, quiet, secure, Laundries 6-plex. Separate entrance. Appliances, mini-blinds, carpeting, drapes, laundry. Redecorated. Transportation close, closed carpet available, hot water, garage included. Quiet, non-smoking, no pets. (510) 534-1341

1000 GREENIDGE 2nd, carpets, drapes, stove, refrigerator, balcony, storage, coin laundry, parking. 531-6969

1000 UPPER flat, quiet, large, charming, sunny, off parking, setting. Washer/dryer. Call 451-0474

1000 2 bedroom spacious apartment. Parking, laundry facilities, near Piedmont. 612 Marlowe. Call 455-5845

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Public Notices

The Name of the Business:
Word Processing Solutions, 7331 Lemonwood Way, Pleasanton, CA 94568.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Patricia A. Wolcott, 7331 Lemonwood Way, Pleasanton, CA 94568.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 19, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 19, 1996.
The Journal May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
CyberMonkey Productions, 312 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
is hereby registered by the following owners:
Cynthia Heaton, 312 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Richard Capone, 312 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 23, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 23, 1996.
The Journal May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 1996.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: FCL NO. 9147

On Thursday, June 6, 1996 at 9:00 A.M. of said day under the Main Entrance to the public library located at #2 Irwin Way, in the City of Orinda, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, CALL-FORNIA TRUST DEEDS, INC., as duly appointed trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Contra Costa, State of California and described as follows:
Common Address: 1181 Fairway Dr., Richmond, CA 94803 A.P.N. 426-361-021 Said sale will be made without covenant of warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Fred D. Thomas and Bennie R. Thomas as trustees, dated Aug. 28, 1992 and recorded Sept. 3, 1992 as Document No. 92-22223 Book 17801 Page: 523 in the office of the Contra Costa County Recorder. At the time of the initial publication of this Notice, the total amount of the unpaid principal balance obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses and advances is \$68,500.00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 28, 1992. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Dated: May 7, 1996 CALIFORNIA TRUST DEEDS, INC., 125 12TH STREET, SUITE 300, OAKLAND, CA 94607-4917 (510)444-3200 BY: HELEN LEBOWITZ, VICE PRESIDENT C244140 516, 523, 530, 1996
The El Cerrito Journal May 16, 23, 30, 1996.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: LOAN # 09-39811-8

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 02, 1987. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On Friday, the 7th day of June, 1996 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M. of said day at 2401 Willow Pass Road, Concord, California County of Contra Costa, State of California, NORTHERN AUXILIARY CORPORATION, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, and/or the cashier's, certified, or other check specified in the Civil Code, Section 2924 (n) (d), all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and described as follows, to wit: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust, A.P. No. 510-113-005-1 Property believed to be located at: 6200 Columbia Avenue, Richmond, CA. Estimated Sale Price (includes unpaid balance of the loan plus interest and estimated costs at publication date): \$71,400.00. The Property described is being sold in an "as-is" condition. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by the pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by H.R. Weyeneth and Jayne E. Weyeneth, his wife, trustee, to Northern Auxiliary Corporation as trustee, for the benefit and security of California Savings & Loan, a Federal Association, dated December 02, 1987 and recorded December 24, 1987, in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, in Liber 14089 of Official Records at Page 606. DATE: May 03, 1996 NORTHERN AUXILIARY CORPORATION by Helen O. Symon, Vice President, 800 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94102 (415)986-3600 D. Russell Symon, Attorney for Trustee, San Francisco, California 244109 516, 523, 530, 1996
The El Cerrito Journal May 16, 23, 30, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Devil Mountain Double, 3620 Clayton Rd., #101, Concord, CA 94521.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
George Miller Pinney, 3620 Clayton Rd., #101, Concord, CA 94521.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 23, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 23, 1996.
The Journal May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
McDowell Construction, 493 Powell Dr., Bay Point, CA 94565.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Boyd McDowell, 493 Powell Dr., Bay Point, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 17, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1996.
The Journal May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Realty Executive- Top Producers, 4115 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 100, Blackhawk, CA 94506.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Bob Miguel, 3668 Silver Oak Place, P.O. Box 3009, Danville, CA 94506.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 24, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 24, 1996.
The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Security Plumbing, 2669 Tarnapals Dr., Pinole, CA 94564.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Scott Hammerquist 2669 Tarnapals Dr., Pinole, CA 94564.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 25, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 25, 1996.
The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
JMS Sales, 955 Channel Ct., Concord, CA 94518.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Kenneth Rump, 955 Channel Ct., Concord, CA 94518.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 25, 1996.
The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Human Rights '96/HR '96, 1224 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1716, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
is hereby registered by the following owners:
Morkis M. Norris, aka (Miki Norris), 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Virginia N. Resner, 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
The business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 30, 1996.
The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Albany
invites bids from qualified Contractors for the
ALBANY WATERPROOF TRAIL
(Contract No. 96-12)
LOCATION OF WORK: Albany, California.
DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes, but is not limited to layout and traffic control; demolition; excavation and offhaul; supply, placement of clean fill and grading; asphalt concrete trail construction with decomposed granite shoulder; roadway reconfiguration, slurry seal and striping; wood and wire fencing; planting and maintenance; signage and site furniture including benches, trash receptacles, bike rack and view overlook.
BID REQUIREMENTS: Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Albany in City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, California, until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, 1996, at which time bids will be opened by the City Clerk in the Council Chambers. Bids received after this time and oral, telephonic and facsimile transmission bids will not be accepted. Bids must be submitted on a Bidder's proposal form supplied by the City. Bids must be accompanied by a ten (10) percent bid security.
MANDATORY PRE-BID WALK THROUGH: In order for a bid to be considered, the bidder must attend a walk-through of the project starting at the eastern end on Thursday, May 30, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.
BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: Construction drawings and a book containing construction specifications and bidding and contract documents may be obtained on or after Thursday May 20, 1996 for the non-refundable price of \$20.00 per set at: Albany City Hall, Community Development & Environmental Resources Department, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706. For inquiries, call (510)526-5760.
NONDISCRIMINATION/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The City of Albany will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and that no bidder will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, or national origin in consideration of a contract award or in subcontracting entered into by the successful bidder.
CITY OF ALBANY
By: Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk
Dated: April 14, 1996
The Journal May 23, 30, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
M - R Consulting Services, 2041 Biscay Drive, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Roscena E. Zuniga, 2041 Biscay Drive, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 22, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 22, 1996.
The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
M.B. Marketing, 266 Rainbow Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Priscilla L. Owens, 266 Rainbow Lane, Pleasant Hill, 94523.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1996.
The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Schweitzer Consulting Services, 5818 Loring Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Suzanne Lee Schweitzer, 5818 Loring Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 22, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 9, 1996.
The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Intertek Company, 2073 Repalo Way, Bay Point, CA 94565.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Lining Deng, 2073 Repalo Way, Bay Point, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 3, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 3, 1996.
The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
JCM Sales, 1310-A Monument Blvd., Concord, CA 94520.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Joseph E. Molave, 2985 Santos Ln., #108, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 25, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 25, 1996.
The Journal May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
CLD Enterprises, 748 Vaqueros Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Leon D. Catalan, 748 Vaqueros Ave., Rodeo, CA 94572.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 5, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 5, 1996.
The Journal May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Premiere Enterprises, 6110 Plumas Ave., Richmond, CA 94804/ P.O. Box 854, El Cerrito, 94530.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Sylvia San Andres, 6110 Plumas Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 13, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 13, 1996.
The Journal May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 1996.

Public Notices

The Name of the Business:
RPM Mechanical, 135 Collins Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
is hereby registered by the following owners:
Russell Paul Mignani, 135 Collins Drive, Pleasant Hill, 94523.
Christine Anne Mignani, 135 Collins Drive, Pleasant Hill, 94523.
This business is conducted by Individuals- Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1996.
The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Prime Choice Marketing, 2947 Canyon View Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Paul A. Gonzales, 2946 Canyon View Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 22, 1996.
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The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Merchant ATM Services, 111 Deerwood Road, Suite #175, San Ramon, CA 94583.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Tracy Reindl, 2140 Stewart Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 25, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Global Transport Systems, 585 St. George Rd., Danville, CA 94526.
is hereby registered by the following owners:
Brett Meredith, 585 St. George Rd., Danville, CA 94526.
Royce Browning, 4085 Canyon Crest Rd. W., San Ramon, CA 94583.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
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The Name of the Business:
Zap Computing and Internet Services, 635 Encinal Ct., Concord, CA 94596.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Jim Mogaden, 635 Encinal Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 29, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 29, 1996.
The Journal May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 1996.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name SHORT STOP MARKET at 1811-23rd St., #A, San Pablo, CA 94606.
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Contra Costa on August 2, 1991.
Neil Chocy Saelow, 1943 Mason St., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Tayesang Saetern, 1943 Mason St., San Pablo, CA 94606.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 14, 1996.
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*39 mo. closed end lease of \$249 per mo. plus tax with option to purchase at lease end. 12,000 miles per year. 15¢ per mile over 30,000 miles at lease end. Residual \$10,952.92. \$881.54 due at signing. Includes first months payment, refundable security deposit, first years registration. #158549

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*42 mo. closed end lease of \$299 per mo. plus tax with option to purchase at lease end. 12,000 miles per year. 15¢ per mile over 42,000 miles at lease end. Residual \$13,079.20. \$143.34 due at signing. Includes first months payment, refundable security deposit, first years registration & \$299 cap cost reduction. #827673

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PER MONTH PLUS TAX
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tra Costa County on May 13, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3189
The Name of the Business:
The Edge Productions, 901 Liberty St., #4, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Christopher A. Ashford, 901 Liberty St., #4, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 15, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 15, 1996.
The Journal May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 1996.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST FILE: 889564 A.P. NUMBER: 528-242-912
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 20, 1988, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
Notice is hereby given that SERRANO RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Alan A. Rasmussen and Patricia A. Rasmussen husband and wife. Recorded on 11/02/1988 as Instrument No. 88-202604 in Book 14599 Page 127 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 02/13/1996 as Instrument No. 96-25745 of said Official Records, will sell on 05/21/1996 at the Main Entrance to the City Hall, 1666 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA at 10:00 A.M. at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title, and interest, conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the

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property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1409 Pennsylvania Avenue Richmond, CA 94801. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$64,831.87 in addition to cash. The Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Dated: 05/16/1996 SERRANO RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as said Trustee, 4500 Rivergrade Road, Suite 2870, Irwindale, CA 91706 (610)855-6558 (800)227-1849 (call. Only) By: Diana Carter, Assistant Secretary C244637 5/90, 66, 613 1996

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-2861
The Name of the Business:
JF Enterprises, 3018 Bertram Ct., Concord, CA 94520.

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Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Jenne Ellen Fitch, 3018 Bertram Ct., Concord, CA 94520.
James Shepard Fitch, 3018 Bertram Ct., Concord, CA 94520.
This business is conducted by an individual - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 1, 1996.
The Journal May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-2828
The Name of the Business:
Jordeck Cleaners, 2699 Monument Blvd., Suite F, Concord, CA 94520.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Abdelali Benarafa, 1521 Anza St., San Francisco, CA 94118.
Hassan Abdelcouli, 218 Cortland, San Francisco, CA 94110.
This business is conducted by a Co-Partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 30, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-2839
The Name of the Business:
Embroidery Cub, 2516 Fountainhead Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Lucille Biderman, 2516 Fountainhead Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra

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tra Costa County on April 30, 1996.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
In the Matter of The Application of:
CALVIN AI CHIN
11780 SAN PABLO AVE., #306
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number C 96-02296

The application of CALVIN AI CHIN for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that CALVIN AI CHIN has filed an application proposing that his name be changed to CALVIN AI JENN.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 50 on the 1st day of July, 1996 at 9 o'clock a.m., of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.

It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the El Cerrito Journal a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the day of said hearing.

Dated this 20th day of May, 1996.
Judith A. Sanders
Judge of said Superior Court
The Journal May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 1996.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
In the Matter of The Application of:
FUSAMI TANAKA
11780 SAN PABLO AVE., #306
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number C 96-02295

The application of FUSAMI TANAKA, for change

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of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that FUSAMI TANAKA has filed an application proposing that her name be changed to FUSAMI TANAKA JENN.
Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 50 on the 1st day of July, 1996 at 9 o'clock a.m., of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.

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Dated this 20th day of May, 1996.
Judith A. Sanders
Judge of said Superior Court
The Journal May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-2862
The Name of the Business:
Image Photos, 64 Water Street, Bay Point, CA 94555.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Allen Fleury, 64 Water Street, Bay Point, CA 94555.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 1, 1996.
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A Feature of the Advertising Department

Out of Gas...



by Karen Senzig

The following is part 4 in a continuing series on marketing concepts of selected East Bay dealerships.

Over the last couple of months as I have interviewed and researched several dealerships, it seems to me that the very successful dealerships have 3 things in common: 1.) They respect and put the needs of their customer first, 2.) The pursuit of excellence is their main course, 3.) They are

awarded winners within their industry and their community.

Bill Cox San Leandro Chrysler-Plymouth also meets this criteria, recently winning Chrysler's coveted 1996 Five Star Award for Excellence. The Five Star Award for Excellence recognizes total commitment in both sales and service as determined by customer satisfaction ratings. Bill Cox San Leandro Chrysler-Plymouth has consistently earned superior satisfaction ratings and met Chrysler Corporation's highest standards in management, personnel training and equipment - standards so stringent that fewer than one out of every ten Chrysler dealerships earn this distinction.

"The fact that it's our customers who decide which dealership wins the Five Star Award for Excellence makes winning the award even more gratifying," said Bill Cox, General Manager and son of founding father Bill Cox (and senior by a different middle name). "It's a clear reflection of

how well we are satisfying customers throughout their total dealership experience." This award is so exclusive that Bill Cox is the only Bay Area Chrysler Plymouth award winner and Bill Cox won this award in their first year of operation. Another coup for East Bay dealerships.

Bill Cox has been a fixture in the East Bay automotive scene since 1981 when (Senior) founded Bill Cox Cadillac in Oakland. In December of 1994 the Cox family purchased Wil Atchinson's San Leandro Chrysler-Plymouth (after 19 years of successful operation) and decided to devote all their energies in the Chrysler-Plymouth

products. Today, the service department still retains two of the original employees from the original owner, Peabody Motors. That's some experience with Chrysler-Plymouth cars!

Recently, Bill Cox San Leandro Chrysler Plymouth participated in The Drive for The Kids and raised \$360 for Roosevelt Elementary School in San Leandro. On Saturday, May 18, parents were encouraged to test drive and evaluate the Chrysler Mini-Van. Bill Cox provided the mini vans and personnel to assist and paid \$5 for every test drive and evaluation. The Chrysler Corporation puts a high value on the marketing input

these evaluations provide from the parents who they consider the target market for the mini van. The schools win too!

Chrysler Dealers and Oakland Students Help in School Recovery

In an ongoing CHRYSLER YOUTH/INVOLVED TO SOLVE DAY project, more than 500 Oakland high school students, volunteers from local dealerships and members from the non-profit community group OAKLAND CARES joined forces on Wednesday, May 22 to paint, polish and repair Franklin Year Round School, which was burnt by arsonists on February 25. Volunteers mended burnt benches and chairs, completed 3 murals to cover scarred buildings and erected a community garden to cap off the day-long school-to-work forum.

Event organizers Chrysler Corporation and Oakland area Chrysler Plymouth, Dodge, Jeep and Eagle dealer Connell and Cochran & Celli Auto Centers also donated 1,000 new classroom books to Franklin Year Round to replace those destroyed by fire. Steve Simi, owner of Connell and Cochran & Celli also was instrumental in securing the fire chief and other city officials to talk at the morning event which also featured as an additional highlight, 6 high school seniors receiving \$1000-college scholarships for winning a Chrysler Corporation sponsored essay contest. Entries were judged by the Oakland Unified School District on the topic, "How and why should you be involved in your community." Scholarships

went to Patricia Carranza, Fremont High School; White, 17, of McChesney School; Dat Asan, 18, of Technical High School; and Poole, 17, of Dewey High

One last thought...
Not every East Bay enjoys such wonderful weeks (Saturn of Oakland of Oakland, Continents and Bill Cox San Leandro Plymouth). Reader Kellogg of Alameda complain of an Volkswagen dealership "I...have never experienced level of rude treatment recently...". Michelle was pinning for a new Passat. TD routinely ignored and disas in the "stereotypical" of car salesmen's treatment of women. Michelle concurred that noticed much improvement treatment of women by an effort that the industry pursued for several years the negative perceptions could print the entire letter was so well written it was groans and tears to every sales manager's heart. I want to send Kudos to McNevin Volkswagen who was able to restore faith in the industry.

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munity and administrative services, and general government.

At under \$5 million, the general government expenditures account for the smallest use of the budget. Wages and employee benefits account for most of the expenditures in that area, including part-time wages for the city council members, wages and benefits for Pokorny and city clerk Linda Giddings, and contract payments to city attorney Howard Stern.

The lion's share of El Cerrito's budget, in excess of \$7.6 million, is spent on police and fire services.

The proposed police budget for 1996/97 is \$4,016,312. That budget includes over \$630,000 for services and supplies and over \$167,000 for capital outlay. The rest of the expenditures go toward salaries for the police chief, one captain, two commanders, five sergeants, six corporals, four detectives, 15 officers, an office supervisor, police secretary and senior police clerk, 3.5 police clerks, a half-time property clerk and 1.5 parking enforcement reps.

The 42.5 employees represent an increase of 2.5 positions from two years ago. (The department was larger several years earlier but was cut due to budget constraints.) The second year strategy also calls for 42.5 police employees.

The fire services budget covers 37 employees, including 10 employees added last year when El Cerrito began providing fire protection and emergency medical services to the Kensington community. Services provided under the contract agreement are fully reimbursed by the Kensington fire district.

The total proposed budget for the El Cerrito Fire Department is \$3,682,941. The budget is a little over \$250,000 higher than the current year's. The increase mainly reflects raises in wages and employee benefits.

Program goals for both police and fire services mainly reflect continuance of current activities. Probably the biggest change facing the El Cerrito Police Department will be the hiring of a new chief of police. Chief Dan Givens retired in May; captain Bruce Nelson is acting as interim chief.

The replacement of the Arlington Fire Station will mean a major enhancement in the fire services area. The budget for that project, however, is included under capital improvements, not in the department's operating budget. (See accompanying article.)

The proposed operating budget for community and administrative services

is almost as high as that proposed for police services, both exceeding \$4 million. The community and administrative services area covers most of the wages, benefits, supplies and services provided by "City Hall." Salaries for 32.6 employees are covered, an increase of about one position since last year. Those employees include several department and division managers, as well as supervisors and office workers. The changes for part-time employees mainly reflect a 3/4 time increase for workers at the recycling center.

It includes a range of services, from childcare to recycling. Another major goal is to implement the regular curbside yard waste collection program recommended by the Integrated Waste Management Task Force.

The Community Development Department includes planning and building, as well as public works maintenance. The level of 14 employees has remained consistent for the last several years, with some shifts in funding. (A portion of two salaries is paid by the Redevelopment Division.)

The work of the community development department includes a number of projects of great public interest, including development and implementation of "a phased development program" for the South Gateway Development Area, including El Cerrito Plaza, "working with the community and the developer to reach consensus on a retail, theater and housing development proposal for the Del Norte Area that responds to the city council's vision for this important area of the city, and managing the storm drain reconstruction program, as well as a number of public work and traffic improvement projects.

The total budget for the department is proposed at \$2,250,889, an increase of under \$200,000 from the current year.

In introducing the budget to the council, City Manager Gary Pokorny said two key elements are central to the city's budget process: community values and community vision. He spoke to the city's vision for an attractive quality of life and the council and staff's orientation toward Responsibility, Ethics, Service, Pride, Enthusiasm, Communications and Teamwork, leading to the acronym, RESPECT as a goal.

"We respect ourselves, our work, our people, our community," he said.

Pokorny also reviewed the council's eight goals for 1999. Five are of "top priority:" basic services responding to citizens, supported by stable revenues; commercial and retail vitality, along

with positive relations with businesses; sense of personal safety and security; citizen partnership and involvement in the city; and quality city facilities and infrastructure.

Of "high priority" are: affordable leisure and recreation opportunities for all, an attractive "green and clean" city; and quality schools.

Top priority council targets for 1996 are: financial stability for city services, continuation of Del Norte Area development, strategizing for South Gateway Area Development, completion of construction for Fire Station No. 72 and improvement of the city's schools.

High priority targets for the year are expansion of the NEAT program, definition of the direction for library improvement, review of the Capital Investment Program, setting a long-term direction for that program, and continuation of a comprehensive graffiti control program.

Pokorny also said the budget is balanced within the resources available from "existing" revenue sources. The new budget calls for no new taxes but assumes current taxes and assessments will continue. It also includes contribution to General Fund Emergency Reserves, projected to equal 10 percent of the General Fund expenditures by the year 2000.

Next week: The proposed Redevelopment Agency and capital improvement budgets.

Sister

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and Oakleigh, along with small parts of several other communities all joined together and became Kingston. According to Odlin, the new community formed is 91 square kilometers in size with about 126,000 residents in 45,000 dwellings. There are 45 colleges and schools, seven miles of beaches and 12 golf courses in the new city of Kingston.

(Australia itself is the same size as the United States; there are more people in California.)

Among the "101 Things to Do in Kingston" listed in a city brochure are concerts featuring Kingston's municipal bands, saddling up to join a pony club, "watching the birdie" with the Oakleigh Camera Club, skateboarding at the Mt. Chelsea playground, exploring the "hundreds of stalls" at the Dingley Village Craft Market, "donning your whites and playing Cricket" with one of Kingston's 30 clubs.

The city also offers a number of services similar to El Cerrito's, including "kerbside" recycling, senior center activities and preschool story times at the public library.

Chelsea was first chosen as a sister city for El Cerrito because of several similarities the two cities share: their size, their similar distance from the equator ("we're as far south of the

equator as they are north," said Odlin), and their relationship to a major city.

"Kingston is 15 miles below Melbourne, which sits on the Port Phillip Bay," he said. "Melbourne is much like San Francisco in size and is known for its fabulous trams and transportation system."

The government of Australia appointed three commissioners to form the government of the new city. They will serve as "caretakers" until March of 1997, when residents will vote in three new councillors. Though no one knows how the new councillors will feel, the current city council is very enthusiastic about continuing the sister city relationship.

According to a report from the city's newspaper, "Commissioner Frank Phillips said although El Cerrito was originally the Sister City of the former City of Chelsea, the new City of Kingston was keen to continue the special relationship."

The Odlin's are just as enthusiastic about the relationship, which has heretofore consisted mainly of "doing something with visitors who come to El Cerrito," along with the occasional exchange of letters. The couple would like to start a committee as a first step in strengthening the sister city relationship.

"We'd like to do more people will be interested with us in deciding what we can do," he said.

Among other things, he suggested they might organize an example, if there is one. From their viewpoint, El Cerrito's Australian well worth the effort.

"Getting to know your country is a benefit in itself who's discovered that tries have some interesting

"We stayed four weeks some difficulties under English — and they had understanding ours."

The people of Australia their global position. Odlin said Odlin, referring to that illustrates that "Australia we're the ones who are

There are also many culture, he said, and the travellers with open arms.

Those interested in forming a committee to explore strengthen sister city relationship with invited to phone the 1730 or city manager 215-4300.

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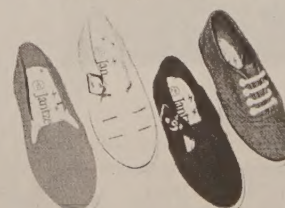
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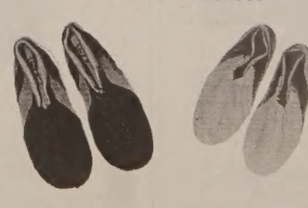


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